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Billerica junkyard fire

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BILLERICA — On Friday, Sept. 15, many Tewksbury residents saw a plume of thick gray smoke rising into the sky as at least four news helicopters circled overhead.

A fire, which started in a 50 by 100 foot corrugated steel structure at Jack's Used Cars and Parts at 24 Town Farm Lane in Billerica was raging, spewing a dark column of smoke into the air. Reports of the plume came from as far as 1.5 miles away from the site. The scrap yard encompasses approximately 25 acres off of Billerica Avenue and is filled with hundreds of junked cars.

At approximately 2:45 p.m., Billerica police and fire departments responded to a report of a building on fire at Jack's. Heavy fire was visible from the structure and several vehicles nearby were also ablaze.

Billerica Fire Chief Robert Cole told news reporters that there were many haz-

ards inside the building including propane tanks, gasoline, and oil in the vehicles.

According to reports from the Billerica police, first responders treated a male at the scene who suffered severe burns. A MedFlight ambulance transported the person to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington.

Difficulty in accessing water at the scene presented a challenge for firefighters as they tried to establish a reliable water supply, stretching hose line approximately 1,800 feet from the nearest fire hydrant. Jack's is located across a railroad bridge and the nearest hydrant is on Billerica Avenue.

Further hampering efforts, a firehose burst due to being dragged across metal debris, according to Cole. A third alarm was struck to bring additional manpower to the scene.

Firefighters from Burlington, Chelmsford, Lowell and Tewksbury provided mutual aid at the scene. Chief Joseph Kearns of the Tewksbury Fire De-

partment said, "Myself and Engine 1 responded to the fire to assist them. Engine 1 assisted with increasing the water pressure to the fire and provided manpower. Both Billerica and our crew did an outstanding job dealing with a difficult situation."

Television helicopter footage showed the building fully engulfed in flames and vehicles and tires on fire. The smoke was thick, billowing out of the building. The roof of the structure eventually cracked and caved in. A car outside of the building exploded.

Firefighters from Wilmington, Tewksbury, Lowell, Bedford and Burlington covered Billerica fire stations as part of their mutual aid agreement.

An investigation conducted by the Billerica Fire Department, with assistance from the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit attached to the State Fire Marshal's Office, determined the fire was accidentally caused by a torch that was being used on a vehicle.



► An enormous plume of smoke was visible to Tewksbury residents as a fire raged at a large auto scrap yard on Billerica Avenue, just over the town line. Tewksbury Fire Department personnel responded to the three-alarm blaze. (Paige Impink photo)

School Committee welcomes Spanish students

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the School Committee meeting last week, the committee welcomed the Spanish exchange students and received the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand highlighted the exchange program as one of many programs providing opportunities for Wilmington students to learn about cultures from all over the world.

WHS Spanish teacher Teresa Pietro reminded the committee they approved the exchange program that was currently happening as Wilmington families hosted 15 students from southern

Spain. She remarked that there were positive things being said at school regarding the program already. She also said the program was benefitting entire classes.

One of the Spanish students shared they were grateful to learn a new culture and to be afforded this opportunity.

Brand thanked the teachers and host families who made the trip possible.

School Committee member M.J. Byrnes shared her excitement for the program, thanking the 12 host families for opening up their homes.

The committee accepted the School Behavioral Health Workforce and Service Expansion grant

received. Byrnes thanked Christine Murray for applying to the grant which would support some of the initiatives the school district was working toward.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero explained the grant would be used to hire a counselor or behavioral health employee.

Brand proposed the position would be allocated according to the needs of the school district.

They also accepted the removal of Information Technology surplus equipment.

Brand's report for the

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Town Manager Screening Com. continues discussions

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Chairperson Rob Peterson convened the Town Manager Screening Committee on Thursday, Sept. 14. Members Bryan Perry and Sean Hennigan were not present.

The committee had not nominated a vice-chair at the last meeting. Member John Doherty said, "If no one wants it, I'll take it," at which point Mike Champoux nominated Doherty, seconded by Jonathan Eaton.

Peterson said that the Select Board approved the issuance of an RFP/RFQ for a consulting firm to assist the screening committee and the Select Board with the process of assembling applicants for the soon to be vacant town

manager position. Town Manager Jeff Hull is leaving at the end of October.

The committee was asked by the board to develop a set of requirements for the request for proposal. Peterson used the Town of Westford's scope of work for a town manager search as an example for the committee to use to understand what consultancies of this nature work with.

The Select Board will be the final decision making authority, but the screening committee is charged with candidate selection. Peterson said that a key takeaway from the Select Board meeting was information from town attorney Joseph Fair that when a consultancy is used, not only do they assist in defining the applicant pool according to the search committee and Select

Board's criteria, but they are able to receive resumes without the applicant information becoming public knowledge.

Peterson said that an applicant from another municipality might be hesitant to apply if their name was put out in the public record early in the process.

The committee reviewed and indicated agreement with the wording of the proposal used by Westford with some minor changes. Peterson said that Sudbury's consultancy proposal also included a summary of community input, employee input, and a final report of conclusions.

Eaton felt that this approach would be a more objective way of "taking the temperature of the

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Supt., admins work on improving transportation issues

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The superintendent addressed transportation issues from the first two weeks of school during the School Committee meeting on Sept. 13.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand opened by reminding the audience that start time changes were made this year by vote of the School Committee to improve the health and well-

being of young adolescents by moving their start times later. He also mentioned the district added time onto all school days after negotiations with the Teachers' Association to increase instructional time.

He then admitted it had been a bumpy road so far, as he said is typical for any school year, although there were more adjustments than usual this year. He reminded the committee there are only 16 buses for eight schools, and 1,900 out of 2,800 total students registered to take the bus. This doesn't require those students to take the bus, but for planning they include all registered students.

Brand displayed the bus schedule on the screen, which showed most of the buses are needed at any moment, and in some cases

the school start times require all 16 buses to be in use at once, such as with the middle and high school.

Grades k-8 buses can hold 77 students and grades 9-12 can have 51 students on each bus. Their current registration provides a limit of 60 students per bus.

While there is no limit on the length of bus routes by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Brand maintained that they aim for students to be at school on time, and they want students to be picked up from school within 15 minutes from the end of the school day.

Brand explained that with high and inconsistent traffic on the roads, students still learning their stops, the start time changes, and the placement of

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School Committee reviews policies and documents

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee reviewed and gave feedback on their health emergency plans, protocols document, student absences policy, and the action plan of the Wilmington Public Schools strategic plan during their most recent meeting. All of these would come back to the committee for a second reading and eventual vote.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand explained that there were minor updates made to the medical/behavioral health emergency plans made by the health services department before the com-

mittee that night.

School Committee member M.J. Byrnes suggested adding behavioral health techniques and resources to the medical emergency response piece.

Jay Samaha also proposed adding the district's behavioral health staff to the consultation list.

Introducing the protocols document, Chair David Ragsdale shared that this document pertains to the goals and responsibilities of their meetings. He said this is typically brought up once a year.

Stephen Turner asked about the process when the chair responds to an email sent to the entire

committee, if they typically copy the other committee members. Ragsdale said this is the usual process in that specific case.

Samaha asked a question about the process when the committee members direct concerns to the superintendent, if the chair is then copied.

Samaha also noted that the protocol uses the term chairperson while other committee policies simply say chair. Ragsdale agreed that a substitution should be made here.

They next reviewed the action plan under the WPS Strategic Plan. Brand provided the plan

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Wilmington Library News:

Ribbon-cutting ceremony for first floor redesign completion

The ribbon has been cut for the completion of the redesign of the first floor of the library. Stop by to check out our new look!

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group

Monday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the featured book are available at the library. September's featured book is *Unlikely Animals* by Annie Hartnett.

Streaming Services and Other Alternatives to Cable

Monday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

Do you want to know what the deal is with all of these streaming services you keep hearing about? Come join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix and the library. While not all free, the alternatives will save you quite a bit of money every month.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Game On!

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+



▲ The ribbon has been cut for the completion of the redesign of the first floor of the library. Stop by to check out our new look! Pictured from left to right: Town Manager Jeff Hull, retired Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood, Barbara Johnson Family Representative Chip Ellms, Cummings Foundation Representative Shannon DePiero, Library Trustee Eileen MacDougall, Library Director Tina Stewart, Assistant Library Director Danielle Masterson, and Friends of the Library President Terry McDermott. (Courtesy photo)

VIRTUAL Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Metalsmithing Workshop: Keychains

Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Join Heather Beck of Heather Beck Design for a metalsmithing workshop! You will learn about the structure of copper and how to create drawings in metal with stamps while creating your own copper keychain. All tools and supplies are provided.

Needleworkers

Friday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

Costume Craze Collection

Monday, Sept. 25 - Saturday, Sept. 30, All Day

Bring your lightly worn or new kids and teen Halloween costumes to the li-

brary between Sept. 23 and Oct. 6! Then, come back on Oct. 7 to find a new-to-you kids or teen costume! All ages

Tiny Art Show

Drop-off Deadline!

Monday, Sept. 25, All Day

Sept. 25 is the last day to submit Tiny Art! The artwork will be on display from Sept. 29 to Oct. 14. The reception will be held on Oct. 2. All ages

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

STEAM Team

Grades K-5

Monday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-5

Author Visit with

Kat Picarde

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m.

Come meet Kat Picarde, a Massachusetts-based 1st grade teacher and local children's book author of *The Little Ouch* and *Twin Time*! Ages 3-8

Teen Metalsmithing Workshop: Keychains

Thursday, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m.

Join Heather Beck of Heather Beck Design for a metalsmithing workshop! You will learn about the structure of copper and how to create drawings in metal with stamps while creating your own copper keychain. All tools and supplies are provided. Grades 6-12

OUTDOOR

Drop-in Storytime and Pop-up Library at Fall Fest!

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for an extra special storytime at Wilmington's first Fall Fest! Storytime goes from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Can't make it for storytime? Stop by our pop-up library from 9:30 - 11 a.m! Ages 2-6

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

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HOW TO REPORT IRS-RELATED SMISHING

The IRS maintains phishing@irs.gov to process complaints tied to IRS, Treasury and tax-related online scams. Taxpayers should not report smishing involving other agencies or brands to this email address. Reporting IRS-themed texts to the agency allows security professionals to track and disrupt these scams. Here's how people can capture and report the details of IRS related smishing:

- Create a new email to phishing@irs.gov.
- Copy the caller ID number, or email address.
- Paste the number, or email address into the email.
- Press and hold the SMS/text message and select "copy."
- Paste the message into the email; screenshots can be sent if necessary.
- If possible, include the exact date, time, time zone and telephone number that received the message.
- Send the email to phishing@irs.gov.

Recipients can also copy and forward scam SMS/text messages to wireless providers and send the text to 7726 (SPAM). This helps the provider spot and block similar messages in the future.

Taxpayers and tax pros can also report IRS-related smishing to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration using their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting form and the Federal Trade Commission through their Complaint Assistant to make the information available to investigators.

Anyone experiencing any scamming incidents, successful or attempted, should also report the incidents to the Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WATCH WILDCAT FOOTBALL LIVE!

Be sure to catch the Wildcats Football game "live" on Friday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. This game features our very own Wildcats vs. the Bishop Fenwick Crusaders!

To livestream the game, go to WCTV.org or WCTV's main channels: Comcast 9 or Verizon 37 or go to WCTV's youtube channel at: WCTV.Wilmington. This game will also be part of the next episode of *Under the Lights* season 2.

Under the Lights season 2 is powered by: John's Sewer & Drain Cleaning, CMS Plumbing, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy (Lodge #2183), BMB Training and Development and Wilmington Knights of Columbus.

Additional sponsors include: Dandylions Ice Cream (Reading), Vitality, Stir, Tremezzo Ristorante, The Touchdown Club and Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks (Lodge #2070).

*This program can be viewed on WCTV channels

or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV.Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Sept. 25, Select Board 7 p.m.

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, School Committee 7 p.m.

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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OBITUARIES

Michael James Dion

Served in the US Army during Vietnam

Michael James Dion of Wilmington, formerly of Malden, passed away at Lahey Hospital in Burlington on Sept. 11, 2023.

He was 79 years old.

Michael was born in Somerville on Jan. 18, 1944, the son of the late Leo Dion and Olga P. Daley.

Mike served his country in the U.S. Army for 10 years and is a Vietnam

veteran. He was an excellent cook and served in that industry most of his career culminating as a food manager for the Stop & Shop stores.

Two of his passions were playing Keno and watching the Phantom Gourmet.

Michael was the brother of Marie Soda of Burlington and Edward Dion of Swampscott and father of Billy Curtis of South Caro-

lina.

Loving uncle of five nieces, three nephews and two cousins.

A Funeral Service with military honors was held at the Graham Funeral Home, in Woburn on Wednesday, Sept. 20 Burial is private.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Greater Boston Food Bank. my.gbfb.org www.grahamfuneral.com

Lorraine R. (Paris) Hannon

Funeral service on Friday, Sept. 29

Lorraine R. (Paris) Hannon, age 83, of Haverhill, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sept. 7, 2023.

Lorraine was the beloved wife of the late Edward F. Hannon, devoted mother of Edward F. Hannon, Jr. and his wife Bonnie of Oak Creek, WI, William A. Hannon of Haverhill, Thomas R. Hannon of Salem, and James P. Hannon and his fiancé Tina Williamson of Tewksbury, loving "Nana" of four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Cherished daughter of the late Desire E. and Regina P. (Therault) Paris, dear sister of Alice Daniluk of Cambridge, Yvonne A. Peck of Marlboro, Patricia M. Joyce of Hollis, NH, John E. Paris and his wife Jo of Tyngsboro, and

the late Bobby Paris.

Lorraine is also survived by her sister-in-law Edna Hannon of Ware, as well as many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Sept. 29 for Visiting Hours from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. followed by a Service at 12:30 p.m. Interment will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lorraine's memory to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01927.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Tina Williamson for her unconditional love and care she showed to our mom. Mom truly appreciated everything you did



for her, the care you gave her, and for making this past year the most comfortable as it could be for her. You are truly a special person and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Kathleen 'Kay' M. (Hoban) Scanlon

Retired Wilmington town clerk

Kathleen "Kay" M. (Hoban) Scanlon passed away on Sept. 16, 2023 at home following a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard J. Scanlon Jr.

Kathleen M. (Hoban) Scanlon was born on Oct. 23, 1935, in Woburn; she was the cherished daughter of the late Francis "Nifty" Hoban and Cecelia (O'Doherty) Hoban.

Kathleen graduated from Wilmington High School in 1953. She went to work at Liberty Mutual in Boston for two years after graduation. She then became an airline stewardess for Northeast/Delta Airlines from 1955-1959.

She commented frequently that President Jack Kennedy was one of her frequent flyers. She left the airline in 1959 to marry the love of her life, whom she met on a blind date. Kay and Dick were married June 11, 1960, and they shared 42 years of marriage before Dick's death in 2001.

Kathleen began her career as an employee of the Town of Wilmington in 1969 as a Clerk at the Board of Appeals. She began working in the Assessor's Office in 1972. She was appointed Assistant Town Clerk in 1977.

She was promoted to town clerk in 1992 and held that position until her retirement in 2006. She was also a Justice of the Peace, and she officiated many weddings for couples. She believed it was a great honor to be part of a wedding ceremony, and she spent many hours making each wedding "just right."

Kathleen worked for the Town of Wilmington for a total of 37 years, and she loved the town.

Kay had many interests and enjoyed being active. She was well-read and enjoyed talking about current and local events. She

reveled in listening to all the exploits of her children and grandchildren.

She loved spending time with family and friends through lunches, dinners, holidays, and family celebrations. She had a great love for the beach and the ocean and spent many weeks' vacations at Hampton and Seabrook Beach, NH and Old Orchard Beach, ME.

Late afternoon with some wine and cheese & crackers was her favorite part of the day. She was also a great fan of Wilmington HS sports, especially baseball, soccer, and hockey as she watched her husband and son passionately from the sidelines.

She also took to technology easily and stayed in touch with her grandchildren through texts and humorous emojis.

Kathleen was a devout Catholic and devoted parishioner of St. Dorothy's Church. Her faith guided her through all of the joys and sorrows of her life.

People were struck by her beauty and by how gracefully she aged. She was a kind, loving and supportive wife, mother, and grammy. A beautiful and positive light in the world. She will be tremendously missed.

Kathleen is survived by her children: Richard J. Scanlon of Billerica, Stephen and Tina Scanlon of Wilmington, Michael Scanlon of Billerica, and Susan and Christopher Carter of Wilmington.

She was the adored "Grammy" of Timothy and Jackie, Shannon, Jessica, Colin, Siobhan, Patrick, Kaitlin, Shailagh, Colleen, and Alexander, as well as five great grandchildren: Grace, Nathan, Jordan, Lucas, and Liam.

She is also survived by her brother Richard Hoban of Naples, FL, her brothers and sisters-in-law Richard and his wife



Margie Harrington of Merrimack, NH, Robert Andersen of Wakefield, NH, and Catherine Hoban of Middletown, NY, she is predeceased by Francis Hoban, Sheila (Hoban) Harrington, and Ann (Hoban) Andersen.

She is also survived by her sisters-in-law: Marcia Scanlon and Louise Scanlon, and her lifelong friends: Linda Connolly ("My Linda") of North Andover, Phyllis Vieira of Tewksbury, Peggy White and Carol Hulbert both of Wilmington.

Kay is also a much-loved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 3 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathleen's memory may be made to the Wilmington Food Pantry, c/o Wilmington Community Fund, P. O. Box 147, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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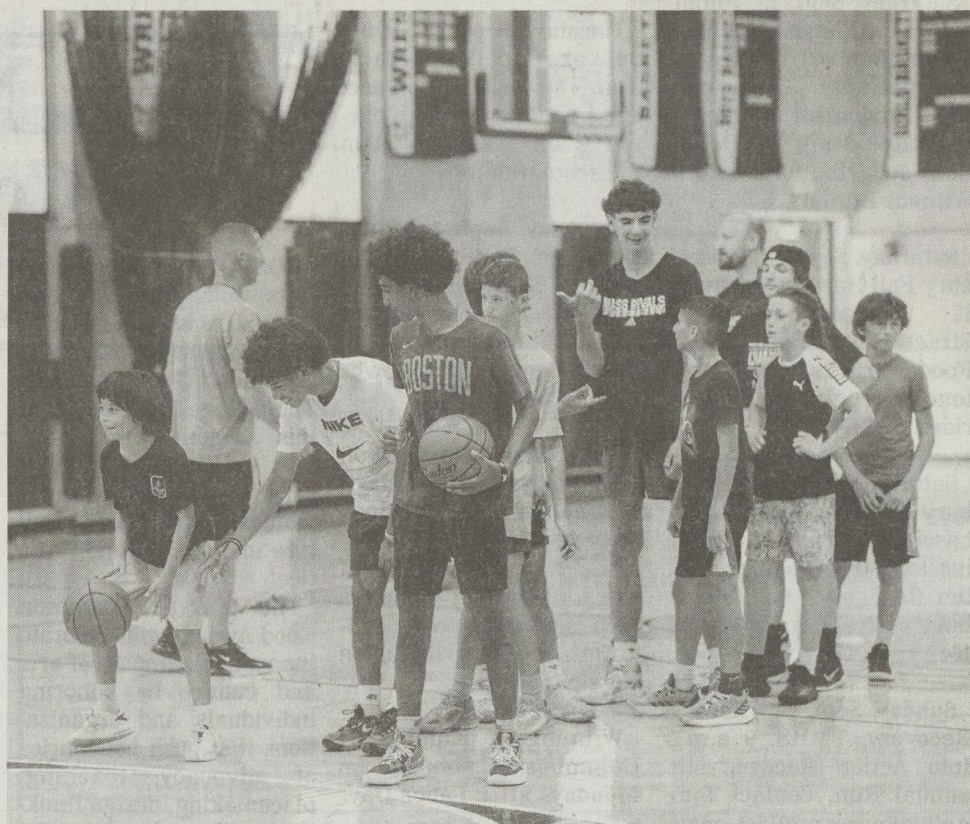


▲ The cheerleading clinic warms up with group cheers and chants.

◀ Shawsheen cheerleaders work in groups to help participants learn basic stunts.

► Participants, counselors, and coaches, engage in a game of knock-out during the basketball clinic.

(Courtesy photos)



Shawsheen Tech's Summer at Shawsheen program sets new attendance record at 572 students

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical School was a hub of vibrant activity this summer as a record-breaking 572 students participated in the eagerly anticipated 'Summer at Shawsheen' program. With a diverse array of offerings that included vocational-technical courses, STEM classes, sports clinics, and academic enrichment courses, the program is a testament to Shawsheen's commitment to providing enriching community education experiences beyond the traditional focus of grades 9-12.

"The remarkable turnout speaks volumes to the growing popularity and appeal of Shawsheen's summer program," said Director of Communications & Community Partnerships Allison Cammarata. "Shawsheen is committed to keeping outreach programs such as

this, a prominent cornerstone of our community's educational landscape."

Summer Programming Coordinator Kevin Bloom anticipated having a busy summer being the first year back without any COVID restrictions. He shared that within the first 24 hours of registration being open, more than 200 students enrolled and eight programs sold-out.

"Our previous registration record stood at 427 students," remarked Bloom, "and we surpassed that in the first six weeks of registration."

To accommodate the demand, Bloom added additional classes and clinics to maximize student involvement. Computer programs like Capable Programming/Web Design, Video Game Development, Cupcake & Cookie Decorating, Everything Automotive, Digital Photography, and Summer Explore

drew large participation, and newer courses such as Middle School Drawing, Summer Adventure Club, and Drama injected a fresh energy into the program, which helped to accommodate more attendees.

"Elementary, middle, and high school students were all involved in hands-on experiential learning," added Bloom. "Course content spanned diverse disciplines, encompassing activities like learning how to rebuild engines, charcoal and multi-medium artistry, creating video game characters, and acting fundamentals."

"Even amidst the summer's hot and humid weather, our sports clinics attracted enthusiastic participants who showcased immense energy while honing skills and engaging in friendly competition," shared Bloom.

Clinics were held for

baseball, basketball, volleyball, and cheering, and drew a combined total of 331 participants.

'Summer at Shawsheen' extends beyond the five district towns — Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington — welcoming participants on a first-come-first serve basis. This year, the program welcomed students from 15 different towns, highlighting its widespread appeal.

Students had the opportunity to utilize our state-

of-the-art technical shops and athletic facilities while meeting our teachers, coaches, and students.

"Without our teaching and coaching staff, as well as our dedicated high school students, this program would not be possible," said coordinator Kevin Bloom. "The people are what makes Shawsheen such a great place to be."

Shawsheen Valley Technical School offers community programs throughout the year with a diverse

array of educational programs that include adult education, afterschool project explore, pool programs, and the aforementioned 'Summer at Shawsheen'.

"Shawsheen's commitment to community education remains dynamic and progressive," said Cammarata. "Shawsheen will continue its role as an essential institution for community education, for learners of all ages pursuing personal, professional, and academic growth."

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Protestors still against alleged animal abuse at Charles River Laboratories

To the editor,
Not long ago I read an article that was from 2021. It was an interview with the CEO of Charles River Laboratories, one of the many that torture and hurt innocent animals, mostly beagles, for profit.

If they were interested in helping animals like they say they are they wouldn't abuse them or hurt them or inject them with horrible things, or even shove opioids and other addictive drugs down their throats and much much worse.

You see the CEO stated in that interview that, and I quote, "he showed the activists they were wrong and they went away." Which first is a lie and second it is illegal to give an interview and give them false information.

We have never gone away nor will we ever go away. We hold protests outside his and other facilities, we have evidence of abuse in their locations of innocent

animals as well as we have constantly sent emails to Mr. Foster's email and his team about possible negotiations of the release of animals which sadly enough are mostly beagles, yet he is a coward and will not talk to a human being but thinks it is OK to abuse dogs for profit?

The year is 2023 yet he and others still believe this outdated and archaic practice is still going to do anything? Because as they seem to think dogs and cats have the same genetics as humans? In case they need a biology lesson: they don't.

So Mr. Foster I am here to tell you we won't ever go away, you can say all the false advertising you want but we are and will always be here telling the world the truth of just what you and others do for a living, and believe me it is far from science.

Rachel Kepnes

Upcoming local events

Thursday, Sept. 21, Tewksbury Community Market, Livingston Street Recreation Area, 4 - 7 p.m., food, crafts, fun.

Friday, Sept. 22, Friends of the Tewksbury Library Laura Lee Medium, tickets at <https://www.friendslibrary.org/when-angels-whisper>, \$50 in advance to raise money for library programs.

Saturday, Sept. 23, Fund-raiser Car Wash, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Support the TMHS International Club car was fundraiser at town hall, 1009 Main St. Donations collected for Doctors Without Borders.

Saturday, Sept. 23, Tewksbury Fall Harvest Festival, 12 - 5 p.m., Livingston Street Recreation area. Food trucks, vendors, touch-a-truck, helicopter rides.

Saturday, Sept. 23, Tewksbury Lions Beep Ball blind baseball tournament. Livingston Street. 1 p.m. Boston Renegades vs. Tewksbury Firefighters local 1647.

Sunday, Sept. 24, Run for Recovery, TMHS, 9 a.m., Into Action Recover 6th annual Run, contact IntoActionRecovery2015@gmail

.com

Sunday, Sept. 24, Tewksbury Fall Harvest Festival continues, 12 - 5 p.m., Livingston Street Recreation area. Artisan vendors, food, games, pie eating contest.

Monday, Sept. 25, Dine out at Capellini's, 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mention soccer and 15% of your purchase will go to the team for scholarships.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Dine out at Capellini's, 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mention soccer and 15% of your purchase will go to the team for scholarships.

Saturday, Sept. 30, Pines Cemetery Tour organized by the Tewksbury Public Library and the Public Health Museum. 10 - 11:30 a.m.. Register at: TewksburyPL.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus Cribbage on Mondays after Labor Day.

Rt. 38 paving schedule

TEWKSBURY — Mass DOT is scheduled to begin preparations for final paving on Rt. 38 between Colonial Drive and Nelson Avenue (weather permitting) starting Sept. 18. Castings were scheduled to be raised Monday, Sept. 18 and Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Paving is scheduled to begin Monday, Sept. 25 and is expected to take four nights to complete. Detours will be in place during this work and delays are expected.

Motorists are advised to avoid this part of Main Street during those nights if possible.

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Gov. Healey files \$2.15B supplemental budget

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey filed a supplemental budget that will enable Massachusetts to close out Fiscal Year 2023 in balance, pay for new collective bargaining agreements and continue to provide safe shelter and support services for thousands of families experiencing homelessness.

The budget allocates \$2.15 billion gross/\$833.3 million net to cover spending deficiencies and continue with a Mass Health payment strategy that has enabled Massachusetts to spread the impact of the loss of enhanced COVID-19 reimbursements across fiscal years. In total, \$2.11 billion gross / \$798.8 million net will be dedicated to MassHealth.

"Massachusetts remains in a strong financial position to make these investments and continue to pursue priorities such as meaningful tax relief that will make Massachusetts more affordable, equitable and competitive," said Governor Healey. "This bill will allow us to turn the page on Fiscal Year 2023, begin to implement the new fiscal year budget we secured in partnership with the Legislature, and continue to make critical investments in our people and institutions."

In addition to funds necessary to cover Fiscal Year 2023 spending, Governor Healey is proposing to use \$250 million in one-time resources from the Transitional Escrow Fund to cover the ongoing cost of providing safe, temporary shelter to thousands of families in need. Governor Healey earlier this summer de-

clared a state of emergency due to rapidly rising numbers of families arriving in Massachusetts in need of shelter and services and a severe lack of shelter availability in the state.

The state's Emergency Assistance program is for families with children or pregnant women who are experiencing homelessness, including newly arrived families and local families. The administration continues to work with its state and federal partners to find families permanent housing, expedite access to work permits, request federal funding and identify other potential solutions.

However, the growing demand for shelter continues to put pressure on the system's capacity to meet the needs of families seeking assistance, as well as municipalities that have welcomed students to their classrooms.

"Our emergency shelter system has been rapidly expanding in recent months to ensure that families in need have a safe place to stay," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Our administration remains committed to providing these families with safe and temporary shelter and the services they need to remain healthy and find a permanent home. This funding will enable us to meet that need as it stands today, as well as continue to support the municipalities that are sheltering families in their communities."

The supplemental budget also allocates:

- \$16 million for a reserve to cover costs accrued by sheriffs
- \$15 million to support

Section 35 substance abuse treatment at sheriff facilities

- \$11 million for shared services at the Department of Unemployment Assistance

- \$8.8 million for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to extend for one year the contract for the administration of the MCAS exam

- \$500,000 for Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth operations.

- \$185,000 for military death benefits and early fiscal year National Guard activations

- \$27,564 for Group Insurance Commission dental and vision benefits for a unit within the Trial Court

In addition to the funding necessary for the Commonwealth to close the books for Fiscal Year 2023, the budget filed today would make a number of corrections to policies enacted in recent legislation, including the Fiscal Year 2024 budget signed last month. This includes a technical change to the universal free school meals policy made permanent as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget that would ensure all students at almost all public schools across Massachusetts have access to free breakfast and lunch, as intended by the Legislature and this administration.

Additional sections would allow municipalities impacted in July by natural disasters like flooding to pay back the cost of those emergencies over multiple years; simplify the implementation

of a tax credit for small businesses who hire members of the National Guard; and facilitate the elimination of copays for MassHealth members.

The bill also updates the quorum requirements for the MBTA board of directors to reflect the addition of new members; corrects the transfer mechanism for the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund; expands eligibility for CHIPS matching funds; and sunset the daily COVID-19 reporting requirements put in place for the Department of Public Health during the pandemic.

"We have worked hard over the past eight months with our partners in the House and Senate to carefully manage finances and put Massachusetts in the best position to continue to make impactful investments and reforms that will move our economy forward," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Matthew J. Gorkowicz. "We're hopeful that the Legislature can take this supplemental budget up quickly to close the books on Fiscal Year 2023."

A separate \$200 million reserve created by this bill would be used to fund new collective bargaining agreements reached between the administration and many of the state's public employee unions. Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll remain committed to forging a strong partnership with labor organizations, whose members are on the front lines of delivering the services on which Massachusetts residents depend.

MassArt announces Common Good awards

BOSTON — Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) is proud to announce the MassArt Common Good Awards. The college is establishing this annual award as a part of its 150th anniversary year to recognize the inclusion of arts and culture in civic life and practice.

The MassArt Common Good Awards will celebrate the valuable impact of arts and culture by honoring individuals and organizations that push boundaries of advocacy, teaching, placemaking, design thinking, and making in the realm of arts and culture, placing an emphasis on the public influence of arts and its role in problem solving and quality of life.

"Art, culture, and design are everywhere, embedded in all facets of our lives," said Dr. Mary K. Grant, President of Mass

Art. "As a public institution, we exist at the nexus of service, civic life, arts, and culture. The MassArt Common Good Awards will honor those people and organizations who are improving our lives through art and design by tackling society's most critical problems and bringing the community together."

The college is issuing an open call for nominations. For this award, arts and culture should be broadly defined, and include visual and performing arts, literature, film, fashion, design, advocacy, administration, and creative economy.

"As the only independent, public college of art and design in the United States, MassArt has been the catalyst for an important conversation about how art, culture, and design can and should be

considered in everything we do," said Patrick Tutwiler, Secretary of Education for Massachusetts. "These awards serve as the impetus of that work here in Massachusetts and an important reminder to reimagine the value of arts and culture in public life."

Nominees are not required to be affiliated with MassArt or Massachusetts, though those with ties to the Commonwealth will be prioritized. Mass Art expects to honor five or six awardees. The Alumni Award will be given to an individual who attended MassArt, and the Frances Euphemia Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching will acknowledge the contributions of a current or retired public

school K-12 teacher in Massachusetts. The remaining awards will recognize a wide range of individuals and organizations.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted through Oct. 2, 2023. Anyone is eligible to nominate, and self-nominations are also accepted. Awards will be presented in a public ceremony at MassArt on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. The event will be open to the public and more information about this will be available in early November.

To nominate someone for the MassArt Common Good Awards or for more information about the awards visit massart.edu/massart-common-good-awards.

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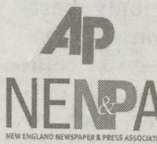
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Book Stew Review

'All You Have To Do' by Autumn Allen

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Here's a fine choice for the high school kid in your life, as well as their parents and grandparents. Local Boston author Autumn Allen tells two important stories with their related protagonists: Kevin, a Columbia University freshman in 1968 during the student takeover; and his nephew Gibran, a Boston private school student in 1995, during the time of the Million Men March on Washington.

Both are surrounded by disinterested administrations and primarily white student bodies, but both improve their situations by joining with fellow activists to draw attention to and to denounce racism. The two have a strong tie in common, but also a mysterious family estrangement.

The resolution is a bit weak, but overall, this historical fiction is perfect for those who may have missed out on the significance of both eras in the ongoing struggle for racial justice.

Watch out for **Lifestyle** turtles crossing the road

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

You've seen the signs — a yellow diamond with a turtle in the center. Turtle crossing signs are popping up everywhere. They're meant to catch your attention, but what do they mean? And should you help a turtle cross the road?

Turtles make their way from wetland areas such as ponds and marshes to dry, more upland areas during the nesting season. This journey often means crossing a paved road. Death by automobile is a huge problem for pond-based amphibians.

It takes many years for a turtle to reach reproductive age, so it is important for

turtles to be protected from the hazards of vehicles on busy roads. Even a few female turtles wiped out by cars can impact a local population, according to researchers.

Posting turtle crossing signs is not something that is intended to be cute; signs have been demonstrated to significantly raise awareness of turtles and have a calming effect on traffic in sensitive crossing areas.

You may have seen a good Samaritan moving a turtle off the road, or been one yourself. Wildlife experts recommend letting a turtle cross the roadway on its own. However, if it is clear that the turtle is impacting traffic, the suggestion is to grab the turtle gently by the

center of its shell and carry it at least 30 feet away from the roadway in the direction it was headed.

Experts warn to not move the turtle in any other direction or it will risk going back to its original location. Turtles are guided by instinct to their nesting sites and any disruption could be fatal.

The Maine Audubon society recommends never holding a turtle by its tail as its spine could be damaged. Should you come across a large turtle such as a snapping turtle, a car mat or flat piece of cardboard can be used to slide the turtle to safety.

Wildlife management teams in various states are working to identify turtle

mortality "hot spots" so that mitigation measures can be put in place. In Massachusetts, a groundbreaking effort has been underway since 2010 to shuttle turtles to safe crossing tunnels.

Using low chain link fences and small channel tunnels, Mass Highway, along with the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is working to create safe corridors for amphibian roadway crossings.

Conservation experts also suggest should you find a turtle nesting on your property, protect the site from predators with a barrier of some sort. The preferred method is a mesh cage that will permit hatched turtles to depart but keeps hungry



▲Turtle crossing signs are cute to catch your attention, but they are really there to help the 10 native species of Massachusetts turtles get to the other side of the road so they can nest. (Paige Impink photo)

predators out.

Additional resources include the Vernal Pool Association (vernalpool.org)

and linkinglandscapes.info. Report areas of multiple turtle mortality to natural.heritage@mass.gov.

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TMHS Robotics team to host New England Robotics Derby in October

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent
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TEWKSBURY — More than 32 robotics teams from across New England and nearly a thousand spectators will converge on Tewksbury Memorial High School for the second annual New England

Robotics Derby on Oct 14, 2023. Co-hosted by Tewksbury and Billerica high school teams, the venue at 320 Pleasant St. was chosen for its size and accessibility.

The event will begin with qualification matches as team robots work their way through the challenge field. The top 8 teams will

select their elimination alliances after lunch. N.E.R.D. offers free admission, and the event is open to the public. Battle Bots robots will also be on display, and spectators are welcome to view the Bots and ask questions.

Proceeds from food and merchandise sales will benefit the Tewksbury Ti-

tans and Billerica Bionics high school robotics programs. Organizers are looking for sponsors to help offset the costs of presenting the event and setting up the venue.

FIRST Robotics teams and educators to expose students to STEM fields. Teams are presented with

a challenge in the form of a game and given eight weeks to design, build, program, and refine their designs. The reach of FIRST is global.

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is a nonprofit that works to advance STEM education in schools. It was founded in 1989 by Segway inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen and has its headquarters in Manchester, NH.

Beyond the robotics competition, the nonprofit provides educational resources and programs for students of all ages, such as the LEGO League Challenge aimed at 9-to-14 year olds.

Tewksbury has participated in FIRST robotics for more than 15 years, with a new functionality required of the robot each spring as each challenge course is revealed. In Tewksbury, eighth graders can join the TMHS Titans FRC Team 1474, as well. The team meets on Fridays at the high school.

Off season events such as N.E.R.D. are critical training grounds for new recruits. The fast-paced winter/spring build season requires hours of work designing, building and refining the robots as teams continue to innovate and push the enve-

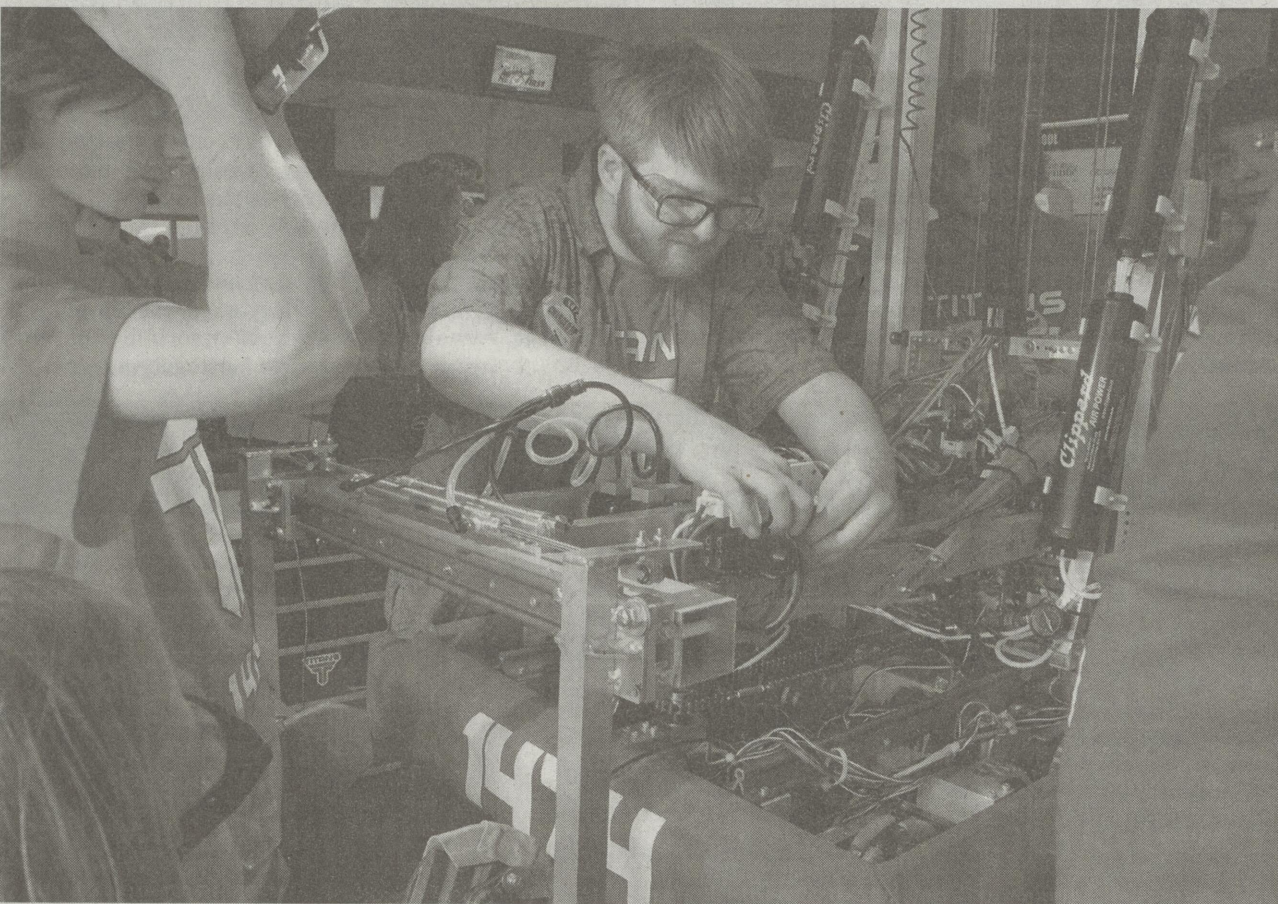
lope in their competitions.

Teams are run by volunteers, most with day jobs in the industry. Mentors have diverse backgrounds, from accounting and marketing to mechanical and electrical engineering. Students compete for more than \$20 million in college scholarships. Reps from UMass Lowell, UMass Dartmouth, University of Southern Maine, Western New England and Merrimack College will attend the Oct. 14 event.

Residents are invited to come by and check out the robots. Sponsorships are available from \$50 up to a Platinum level. Organizers also welcome in-kind donations of gaffers tape to mark the playing field; cable ties of all sizes; and event lighting services.

The team is also in need of food and beverage donations from local businesses to sell as concessions. Sponsors will have the chance to be in front of spectators and will be recognized on the Twitch streaming service. Donations are fully tax deductible.

To learn more about program sponsorship, make a donation of goods, or ask questions, please contact Blake Bourque at blake@newenglandroboticsderby.com.



▲ Jared Woodman works on the TMHS robot during a competition. Tewksbury will co-host the New England Robotics Derby in October and 32 teams from New England and New York will attend. The event is free and open to the public. (Paige Impink photo)

Boston Film Festival begins later this month

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

For many, the movie theater has long been a source of fun and entertainment, often marking memorable times in your life spent with family and friends.

Iconic movies like The Godfather, Jaws, and Star Wars are well known by all, and we tend to re-watch our favorite movies again and again, without ever losing the magic these blockbusters deliver.

It is easy to forget that the creators behind the scenes of many of the classic movies we enjoy started their careers as unknown, independent filmmakers.

This week avid film lovers can have a chance to view the work of up and coming greats in the film industry at the 39th Boston Film Festival.

Boston Film Festival tradition is one of the longest running and industry recognized events in film.

The BFF features cutting edge films, documentaries, short films, and animated films. There is also a showcase of fall release studio films and the newly created sports film category.

Attending the BFF is a more interactive movie theater experience, as Q & A sessions with film representatives follow all live premieres.

This year movie goers can experience a wide range of topics from crime thrillers to environmental documentaries.

For those looking for the pulse of the Boston film scene, you may enjoy viewing the Massachusetts spotlight film "Healing Dakota" from local, first time director James La Monte.

"Healing Dakota" is a heartfelt story of a K9 dog suffering from PTSD. Dakota's story inspired the establishment of a nonprofit K9 PTSD Center on Cape Cod.

This center helps heal four-legged veterans and heroes from the trauma endured during the canine service.

Healing Dakota premieres on Sept. 23 at the Paramount Theatre, located at 120 Boylston St. in Boston.

Other films premiering this week include the crime thriller "Breakwater" on Sept. 21 at the Rockport Music - Shalin Liu Performance Center at 37 Main St. in Rockport.

Documentary lovers will enjoy an informative film about the questionable practices of the American food system called "Com-

mon Ground."

"Common Ground" premieres on Sept. 23 at the Boston Public Library, located at 700 Boylston St. in Boston.

"Cruzan Cowboys" is a short story documentary that chronicles the horse jockey community of Saint Croix through the eyes of a young jockey.

The Boston film premier of "Cruzan Cowboys" is on Sept. 24 at the MIT Media Lab at 75 Amherst St., MIT Building E14 in Cambridge.

Another true to life story offered by the BFF is the intense true crime thriller "American Outlaw." This film follows the story of the Dougherty siblings who commit an epic cross-country crime spree.

You can view "American Outlaw" on Sept. 23 at the Paramount Theatre located at 120 Boylston St. in Boston.

The film "Found" is a MIT special event partnership with the BFF.

"Found" is the riveting story of a public relation specialist determined to help the forgotten, missing people of the community while hiding a chilling secret of her own.

This film premier is on Sept. 23 at the MIT Media Lab's Bartos Theatre located at 20 Ames St., MIT Building E15 in Cambridge.

For those unable to go to Boston this week, you can still take part in viewing the large variety of BFF films from the comfort and convenience of your own home.

The Boston Film Festival is also hosting a virtual festival with a catalog of on-demand films as well as live streams.

The live festival programming runs from Sept. 21 to 24 at various locations in and around the City of Boston. Tickets for film premieres must be purchased in advance online.

Virtual programming runs from Sept. 22 to 30.

This week, be sure to make some time to enjoy a few hours of escape provided by one of the many talented up and coming filmmakers breaking into the movie scene.

Whether you enjoy a few hours of film magic in one of the many theaters in and around the city, or catch a reel or two online, this introduction to the promising, future filmmakers of the industry will not disappoint.

To purchase tickets online, or to view the online catalog of on-demand and live stream movies visit www.bostonfilmfestival.org.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

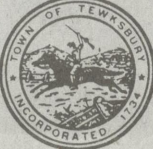
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **September 28, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Brandi & Robert Brennan**, for a variance under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for a front setback to build a 8' x 12' front porch with steps as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1102 South Street**, Assessor's Map 109, Lot 13 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

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Said property is located at **913 East Street**, Assessor's Map 102, Lot 52 zoned Industrial 1.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR A NEW WILMINGTON TOWN HALL & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Qualified Filed Sub Contract firms are advised that the Town of Wilmington, the "Owner," is seeking request for qualifications and statements of qualifications for the new Wilmington Town Hall and School Admin Building project. Filed Sub-Bid categories invited include Masonry, Misc. Metals, Waterproofing Dampproofing & Caulking, Roofing & Flashing, Metal Windows, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustic Ceilings, Resilient Flooring, Painting, Elevators, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical

Firms interested in submitting for the new Wilmington Town Hall and School Admin Building ("Project") are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") to the Procurement and Contract Services Office as indicated below. This subcontractor pre-qualification process is conducted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 149A. This Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") is the first phase of a two-phase procurement process as set forth in MGL Chapter 149A. The Town of Wilmington ("the Town") has appointed a Prequalification Selection Committee ("PSC"), that will be prequalifying firms interested in the project through this RFQ process. The PSC will evaluate submitted SOQs based upon the identified evaluation criteria and will select those respondents it deems qualified. Only those respondents deemed qualified will be invited to submit a bid in response to a Request for Bids ("RFB") which will be issued in the second phase of the procurement process. The Town anticipated the RFB will be available in the month of November 2023. The project delivery method for construction is Construction Manager at Risk ("CMR") under M.G.L. Chapter 149A. The Town is under contract now with the Construction Management firm.

Copies of the Request for Qualifications may be obtained electronically by visiting www.projectdog.com. Please reference project code: 857998. Electronic responses via Projectdog.com will be received until 2:00 P.M. on October 4, 2023.

The Town of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in employment for the provision of services. The Town reserves the right to reject any responses or any part thereof in response to this RFQ or take any other action as the Town may deem to be in its best interest.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
9/20/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI23P3960GD

In the matter of:
Luis K. Rosario
Of: **Wilmington, MA**
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Tokina N. Rosario of Wilmington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Luis K. Rosario** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Tokina N. Rosario of Wilmington, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **10/02/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 28, 2023
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
9/20/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI23P4664EA

Estate of: **Millard J. Barlow**
Also Known As:
Millard Jerry Barlow
Date of Death: **April 25, 2023**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sandra A. Dukeshire of Andover MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Tewksbury Police Log

17-year old arrested for breaking and entering

Monday, September 11

10:03 a.m. - Caller stated door was open at Baystate Road. Home should be empty as it was being sold. Police sent. Multiple parties worked in the yard. Everyone cleared. The damage appeared to be old. Officer filed a report.

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported there was a former evicted tennant that was sitting in the driveway at Shawsheen Street. Caller was not there. Police sent. Officer reported there was no one in the driveway and the house was secure.

1:24 p.m. - Caller stated hispanic male wearing a black jacket and shorts knocking on all the doors at Motel 6. Police sent. Male party issued a no trespass order from location. Officer filed a report.

1:57 p.m. - Caller reported three males walked around his property at Old Main Street. Police sent. Caller canceled response. The male was from National Grid.

3:56 p.m. - Caller stated hispanic male with dark hat and flip flops looking into vehicles at Applebees Restaurant. Police sent.

They spoke with the party in question who stated he wasn't in the area. They searched the area as well as looked at the camera footage. Nothing was stolen. Officer filed a report.

7:51 p.m. - Caller requested an officer because his mom and sister had important documents taken from their room at Motel 6. Police sent. Karen Czarnota, 61, of 197 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with larceny from building.

Tuesday, September 12

12:16 a.m. - Call from an employee requested to speak with an officer about a suspect who was banging on the doors and giving her a hard time while the store was closed for a system reset at Mobil Kickstart. She was reopening at 12:30 a.m. and would like an officer to stand by. Police sent. They spoke to the caller. Unable to locate the male.

7:42 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an unwanted homeless male on the property at Balance Spa. Police sent. They spoke to reported party. They reported that the party would be on his way and was OK with

the outcome.

2:09 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he saw a female party exited the liquor store and drink alcohol prior to leaving the lot of Market Basket North. Police sent. They were gone on arrival. Lowell notified.

4:30 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a retail theft in progress at Home Depot. Male was wearing a black t-shirt, black pants, and black hat. He ran on foot toward the Motel 6 courtyard. Police sent. Daniel Reyes, 30, of 183 Gorham St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

Wednesday, September 13

12:10 a.m. - Campus police reported a 19-year old black male in the lobby causing a disturbance at Saunders Building State Hospital. Police sent. Male being picked up by his girlfriend. Officer filed a report.

3:55 a.m. - Caller reported a dark-colored pick up truck parked in the road way outside of his house at McCarthy Way. Police sent. A male asleep in the drivers seat. Male opera-

tor checked out. He showed no signs of impairment.

12:18 p.m. - Caller reported a female wearing maroon scrubs in a gray Rav 4 was driving through the neighborhood taking pictures of houses at Indian Hill Road. Police sent. They reported gone on arrival. Extra checks would be made.

6:46 p.m. - Caller reported that there was a disturbance at Market Basket north at the check out section. When attempting to gather additional information, the party was reluctant to give it. Caller hung up and on call back, there was no answer. Police sent, but unable to locate an emergency.

Thursday, September 14

3:26 a.m. - Caller reported that an unknown vehicle was parked at the bottom of their driveway at Evergreen Road and an unknown person got out of the vehicle and walked up their driveway. Caller does not know who this would have been and found it suspicious due to driveway being 75 feet long. Police sent. Juvenile, 17, was arrested and charged with

three counts of breaking and entering vehicle/boat nighttime for felony, and two counts of larceny under \$1,200.

6:48 a.m. - Caller reported black Sebring that has been hanging out in the area of Saville Street a lot lately at various hours of the day. Caller reported that there were two people in the vehicle. Police sent. They checked the area and could not locate a vehicle matching the description.

7:04 a.m. - Caller reported a white van with ladders on top has been parked across from her residence since about 6:45 a.m. at Kent Street. Caller was concerned as she wasn't sure if anyone would be working this early. Vehicle was occupied. Police sent. They were working on 28 Kent St. and would be there most of the week.

Friday, September 15

12:56 a.m. - A 911 caller reported male in a pickup truck acting odd and growling at The Residence at Tewksbury. Police sent. The vehicle was parked suspiciously but it was not blocking anything. The operator was unable to be located and a follow up would be conducted in the morning.

11:43 a.m. - A 911 caller reported he has a flat tire and the store owner was yelling at him at Mobil

Saturday, September 16

4:27 a.m. - Off-site security company of Atamian Honda reported a gray sedan in the lot. Two males, one with a blue hoodie and one with a white long sleeve, got out and were walking in between cars. Security company reference. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

10:04 a.m. - Caller reported mail has been stolen from her mailbox for the second time at Bligh Street. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

5:24 p.m. - Market Basket manager reported a vehicle was selling produce in row 3C of the parking lot and would not leave the property. Police sent. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

Sunday, September 17

10:35 a.m. - Caller reported damage to a vehicle parked in the lot of Motel 6. Caller reported the suspect was driving a red truck. Officer filed a report.

4:08 p.m. - A 911 hang up from Pondview Lane. Amanda Brabant, 41, of 2 Pondview Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant.



Wilmington Police Log

Car catches on fire on I-93 Northbound

Friday, Sept. 8:

9:26 a.m.: A walk-in party reported that they believed their nephew was taking items from a recently deceased family member that were rightfully theirs.

11:17 a.m.: Anthony David Martin of 5133 Avalon Dr., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed operations of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his red 2011 Ford Fiesta on Middlesex Avenue.

3:05 p.m.: Power lines were knocked down on Andover Street, and a pole and tree were knocked down and blocking a driveway. Police shut down Andover Street to redirect traffic until Reading Light could come.

Saturday, Sept. 9:

5:43 a.m.: A white 2022 Volkswagen Passat and a vehicle with a New York registration were in a motor vehicle collision near the Dollar General on Main Street. No injuries were reported. The NYPD was contacted, and confirmed that one of the plates on the New York vehicle was stolen, but was unable to identify which plate.

8:51 a.m.: A caller near Rt. 125 reported that a box truck dumped trash on the side of the highway under the power lines.

Police found several bags of ceramic tile and wood under power lines, and Mass Highway was contacted.

7:49 p.m.: A caller on Ballardvale Street reported that her car was hit in her driveway, causing damage to the driver's side. She reported that the vehicle pulled in to turn around, hit her car, and then took off down Ballardvale Street. The driver of the vehicle later came to the police station, admitted they were the driver of the vehicle, and apologized for leaving the scene due to a family emergency.

Sunday, Sept. 10:

7:51 a.m.: A caller on Main Street reported that their trailer was broken into sometime overnight. The lock on the trailer was broken, but it's unclear if any property was taken.

10:02 a.m.: A caller on Jere Road reported that her neighbor emptied their pool, causing it to flood her yard, her septic tank, and her garage. The case was forwarded to the Board of Health and Building Inspector.

4:25 p.m.: A caller on Lowell Street reported a 3 ft. hole filled with water in the street, and said that cars were getting stuck in it. DPW was notified and sent employees, and in the meantime, the road was

closed. The manhole covering was found in the middle of the roadway, and put back in place.

Monday, Sept. 11:

6:54 a.m.: A black 2014 Nissan Altima hit a building on Main Street. The building inspector was notified due to minor damage to the interior and exterior of the building.

4:18 p.m.: Rodrigo Vieira Mouro of 1250 Lawrence St., in Lowell, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop or yield. This follows his involvement in a collision between a black 2019 Nissan Frontier and a black 2018 Ford F150.

7:43 p.m.: A gray 2012 Mazda Mazda3 and a gray 2008 Honda Accord were involved in a collision near Lowell Street and I-93. Injuries were reported. One of the involved parties stated a motorcycle had hit the Honda and continued onwards.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

3:32 p.m.: A caller at Analog Devices on Analog Way reported that his vehicle had been struck in a hit-and-run while he was at work. The other vehicle was found, and a paperwork exchange was able to be carried out.

4:50 p.m.: A caller near Boutwell Street and Aldrich Road reported that a white pickup truck had

backed into a telephone pole and continued on in an unknown direction.

Wednesday, Sept. 13:

4:03 p.m.: A gray 2001 Toyota Camry caught on fire north of Concord Street on I-93 Northbound. Police blocked the right two lanes as the fire department responded.

5:08 p.m.: A gray 2018 Ford F150, a blue 2013 Honda Civic, and a gray 2007 Mercedes E350W4 were involved in a 3 vehicle collision near the Dunkin Donuts on Middlesex Avenue.

11:33 p.m.: Amy S Galindo and Crystal Idalie Burgos, both of 851 Main St., in Wilmington, were both issued summons for civil Assault and Battery. This followed one of the parties' daughter calling to report her mother and upstairs neighbors were fighting both verbally and physically. One of the wo-

men was sent to the hospital for her injuries.

Thursday, Sept. 14:

1:12 a.m.: Alipio Paulo Guimarães Soares Sim of 110 Lowell St., Apt. #2, in Peabody, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, and speeding in violation of a special regulation. This followed a stop of his black 2013 Honda Civic on Lowell Street.

10:39 a.m.: A caller on Main Street reported that a beige vehicle struck her gray 2015 Audi A4 and left Northbound on 38. Police were unable to find the vehicle, but witnesses reported a possible beige Honda.

1:55 p.m.: A possible paving scam was reported on Linda Road and High Street, resulting in a vehicle and trailer getting towed, and trailer plate getting confiscated.

Annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference

STOW — Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced today that the Department of Fire Services will hold its annual Public Fire & Life Safety Education Conference in Southbridge on Sept. 20 and 21, bringing fire educators, prevention officers, teachers, care specialists, and others together to share knowledge, build partnerships, and recognize the 2023 Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year. The conference will host dozens of workshops

led by professionals from the fire service, public education, public health, community risk reduction, and related fields. This year's keynote speaker will be Jim Pauley, president and CEO of the National Fire Protection Association. Attendees will also hear from leaders from High Rock Treatment Center, who will discuss flexible and adaptive strategies for harm reduction, and Lieutenant Matthew Morin of the Sunderland Fire Department, who will promote diversity, equity,

and effective communication in fire prevention. State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine will present the 2023 Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award to one of this year's five nominees at 1 p.m. on Sept. 21. This year's distinguished nominees are: Captain William Paskiewicz of the Billerica Fire Department; Captain Michael Parr of the Maynard Fire Department; Captain Joseph Townsend of the Nantucket Fire Department;

Firefighter Stephen Joyce of the Sturbridge Fire Department; and Lieutenant Matthew Morin of the Sunderland Fire Department. Media are welcome to attend the conference at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, located at 14 Mechanic St. in Southbridge. The days' events will run from 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m., and a summary of the workshops and speakers is online at the Department of Fire Services' website.

ALS awareness

The Captain's Ball in honor of Pete Frates

BOSTON — The Bourque Family Foundation is proud to host The Captain's Ball, a remarkable event dedicated to honoring the memory and legacy of the extraordinary Pete Frates while raising essential funds to continue the fight against ALS.

This exceptional evening will celebrate Pete's indomitable spirit and his significant contributions to the ALS community and beyond, featuring celebrity guests such as Rob Gronkowski, Camille Kostek, Patrice Bergeron, and numerous Boston Bruins alumni and current play-

ers. The event is hosted by NHL Hall of Famer Ray Bourque and his family's foundation, the Bourque Family Foundation. This black-tie optional event features a sponsored bar, food, and incredible activations throughout the evening. Featuring Sean McDonough as the event's emcee, guests will hear from Ray Bourque, Nancy Frates, the Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at MGH, and Camille Kostek about the impact of ALS and the positive momentum that exists in the current field of research.

The Captain's Ball in honor of Pete Frates has received incredible support, donating over \$240,000 at the inaugural event in 2022. The event receives robust corporate support from many organizations, including Alliant Insurance, Connection IT, Amylyx Pharmaceuticals, Mitsubishi Tanabe, the Raymond & Ella Claire Goselin Foundation, Pallas Capital Advisors, Catania Oils, HarbourVest Partners, and Covington & Associates. The Captain's Ball will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21 at Big Night Live in Boston, commencing at

6 p.m. Media attendance is encouraged, with RSVP details provided below. Media opportunities include interviews with Ray Bourque, Nancy Frates, and select celebrity guests during a red-carpet entrance and coverage of the event in its entirety, including keynote speeches, various photo and video opportunity, guest interactions, and the ambiance of the event. Members of the media interested in attending The Captain's Ball are kindly requested to RSVP by Sept. 19 to Meagan Wood at meagan@fmpproductions.com or 603-651-6850.

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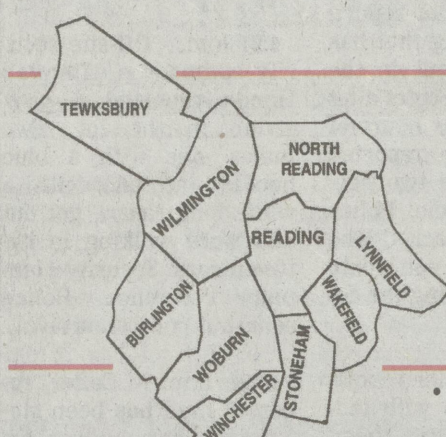


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Stoneham's citizenry asked to sanction \$2.9 purchase of historic Arnold House



By PATRICK BLAIS

Describing the chance as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Stoneham's Select Board recently swung for the greens by submitting a \$2.9 million offer to purchase the historic 22-room Arnold House estate overlooking Unicorn Golf Course.

Now up against the clock, as Stoneham has until the end of this fall to consummate the purchase of the private, family-run nursing home, the elected officials need to convince the community's citizenry to back the deal.

Ultimately, the proposed real-estate transaction must be approved by citizens' at a future Open Town Meeting. Local leaders originally hoped to schedule that vote for the community's regular Fall Town Meeting held in the beginning of October, but Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan and others have since acknowledged another special assembly might need to be called to tackle the matter.

So far, a handful of skeptics - including area abutters and those who believe the proposed purchase has not been thoroughly vetted in public - have already put some town officials on the defensive.

For example, in late August, when the

Select Board emerged from a closed door executive session to announce the deal, local resident and former Conservation Commission member Ellen McBride - who resides by the Montvale Avenue or opposite side of the municipal golf course - contended many citizens feel like they were intentionally left in the dark about the negotiations.

"At some point, will we be able to ask questions that you were able to ask at the beginning of this process?" asked McBride. "What's a struggle for me...is the executive sessions that have been going on."

"I would say as a very active and involved person in town, talk to us way before October. Bring up all the pros and cons about whatever decision you're making so we're all on board," she added.

Perched over the fairways of Unicorn Golf Course at 490 William St., the Arnold House has since 1949 been the home of an award-winning retirement community and nursing home that sits in the middle of a residential neighborhood by the Woburn line.

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HISTORIC HOME - Arnold House estate, located at 490 William St. in Stoneham, has been the home of an award-winning retirement community and nursing home since 1949. The property sits in the middle of a residential neighborhood by the Woburn line.

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SUSPECT EVERYONE - Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot, left, and Tina Fey as Ariadne Oliver in a scene from "A Haunting in Venice" from 20th Century Studios. The film is embellished with moody but palatable scares that feel reminiscent of the classics. (20th Century Studios via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Kenneth Branagh crafts a spooky 'A Haunting in Venice'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Kenneth Branagh indulges in the kind of macabre theatricality that only a crumbling Venetian palazzo on a stormy Halloween night can provide in "A Haunting in Venice."

Moviegoers probably long ago made up their mind one way or another about Branagh's stately and flawed Hercule Poirot franchise, but should there be any curiosity left for this third installment is worth it. It is spooky, fun and features Tina Fey, looking smart and sleek in post-war suits as the fast-talking author of wildly successful whodunnits who says things like "I'm the smartest person I know" in a mid-Atlantic accent.

Set in 1947 on a particularly foggy night in the city of canals, "A Haunting in Venice" is beautiful to look at, with costumes by Sammy Sheldon, production design by John Paul Kelly and cinematography

by Haris Zambarloukos. And it's embellished with moody but palatable scares that feel reminiscent of classics like "The Innocents" and "The Others," that are enhanced by Hildur Guðnadóttir's score. In other words, this might not excite a "Saw" enthusiast, but for the more easily scared and skittish it hits just the right notes.

Agatha Christie takes a bit of a backseat here, as Branagh and screenwriter Michael Green take only the loosest inspiration from her 1969 book "The Hallowe'en Party" for their haunting, firstly by moving it to Venice. It's where Poirot has chosen to live out his self-imposed retirement (an enviable exile if there ever was one). His whereabouts are hardly a secret though — desperate folks line up outside of his picturesque apartment hoping he'll take a stab at their cases. But for now, a handsome Italian bodyguard (Riccardo Scamarcio) is there to make sure

they don't get close enough to ask.

Fey's Ariadne Oliver gets through the gates, though, with a different kind of offer: She wants Poirot to accompany her to a séance. This medium, she says, appears to be the real deal and only he'll be able to figure out if it's all a trick. Soon he, reluctantly, finds himself at a Halloween party for the city's orphans, held by a famous opera singer, Rowena, (Kelly Reilly) with a famously dead daughter whom they hope to contact later that evening when the children depart.

Branagh recruited a few of his "Belfast" stars into this ensemble, including Jamie Dornan as doctor still haunted by the war and Jude Hill as his precocious son Leopold. Camille Cottin is a housekeeper, Kyle Allen is the dead girl's ex-fiancee, and Michelle Yeoh is the theatrical medium Mrs. Reynolds, who seems to be having a grand time chewing the

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FALL FOOD BEGINS - Caramelized onion, pecans and Brussels sprouts make a delicious side dish for your fall meal.

STEPS:

1. Cut Brussels sprouts in half; cut each half crosswise into thin slices. Place sprouts and onion in separate resealable food-storage plastic bags; seal bags. Refrigerate 8 hours.

2. In large heavy skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Cook pecans in butter 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until toasted. Remove from skillet.

3. Add onion to skillet. Cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until caramel colored. Add Brussels sprouts and toasted pecans. Cook about 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until sprouts are tender. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

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180 Calories
16g Total Fat
3g Protein
9g Total Carbohydrate

Ingredients

- 1 lb fresh Brussels sprouts
- 1 large onion, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup broken pecans
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

scenery as a possible femme fatale. It is a distinct shift in tone from the previous films — sadder and more serious, with grief and death everywhere. Even before Alicia's mysterious death (off a balcony, into the canal with a horrific scrape on her back) the grand palazzo had a body count: It's where doctors are said to have locked up children to die during the plague.

And this crew is in for a long, stormy, claustrophobic night with finger pointing, more deaths and some inexplicable phenomena at play. Poirot's existential crisis is probably the least

interesting aspect of the whole thing, despite its centrality to the plot, but Branagh doesn't waste too much of his time diving into those self-indulgent waters.

Maybe Branagh should have been leaning more into horror this whole time with this franchise. Or maybe it's a case of underestimating a director whose work is prolific and not always personal. It can be hard to take stock of a filmmaker's career when they've made great Shakespeare and Cinderella adaptations as well as "Thor" and "Artemis Fowl." But it's always a

pleasant surprise when it works as "A Haunting in Venice" very much does.

"A Haunting in Venice," a 20th Century Studios release in theaters Friday, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for "some strong violence, disturbing images and thematic elements." Running time: 107 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of PG-13: Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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foot Victorian-style estate was acquired in 1910 to serve as the original clubhouse for the adjacent golf course. However, after falling into a state of disrepair and being essentially abandoned, the late Marjorie Jeanne Rowe Cook — then a registered nurse — was able to scoop up the property in 1949 and convert the building into an elderly care facility that functioned more like a home than an institutional setting.

In the 74 years since, the immaculately furnished 22-room house has been restored to its former glory and includes a series of meticulously maintained garden and patio areas overlooking the golf course. The town's assessors office currently values the property at just over \$1 million.

"This is a very unique property and it's kind of a landmark in Stoneham. So we were very lucky to even have a conversation about [buying it]. These kinds of opportunities don't come up often for the town," Select Board member Raymie Parker said of the William Street site last month.

Per the terms of the agreement reached by the Select Board, local officials have permission to conduct both an architectural and environmental assessment of the property before asking Town Meeting to vote on the deal.

The town has already appropriated \$80,000 to pay for those analyses.

A skeptical public

Prior to last month's vote by the Select Board to approve the \$2.9 million offer, town officials had met behind closed doors on at least three occasions since July to negotiate the purchase terms. Though those meetings were posted with details about the intent to enter into real-estate negotiations, the exact location of the property being discussed was kept secret until last month's vote.

Town officials, such as Town Counsel William Galvin, have defended the closed door sessions by arguing the town's interests could have been compromised by making public its interest in the approximate 1-acre property. However, now that those acquisition terms are finalized, the Select Board has vowed to vet the proposal as transparently as possible.

"The reason we conducted negotiations in executive session is so what we're willing to pay for and do with the property is not shared with the seller, who could use that against us as a buyer," Galvin explained during a remote Select Board meeting in late August. "All of this will now be discussed many times before Town Meeting."

As news spread in recent weeks about the deal, which included a pledge by the Select Board to immediately place an approximate \$30,000 security deposit on the site, a chorus of local residents apparently took to social media to voice their displeasure with the idea.

Some of those comments reportedly focused on a push by some local officials to utilize the historic estate as the new headquarters building for the community's public school administrators.

Yet again, the Select Board found themselves defending the nature of the closed door talks and reminding local residents that no final decision had been made as to how the property may be used in the future.

However, since the School Committee is actively searching for a new central office space for the district's top administrators, town officials have also made no secret that educational uses of the Arnold House are on the table.

"There is a need in town for the school district offices. I know that may ruffle a few feathers, but that's just a fact," Select Board Chair and SHS Athletic Director David Pignone said during a meeting in Town Hall earlier this month.

"We do have a need in town for district offices. I would rather own something we can use for a number of other purposes than give money away to a landlord," Select Board member Timothy Waitkevitch later commented. "I do think it's an opportunity to put an asset on the town's books."

School officials need to find a new home for central office staff before a new \$217 million high school opens in the fall of 2024. Town officials say some a long-term lease of commercial space within the community may cost as much as \$200,000.

The original high school design did include space for Stoneham's central office team, but that funding was yanked from the budget at the end of last year due to



A SLICE OF HISTORY - A view from the Arnold House's rear porch overlooking the gardens and nearby Unicorn Golf Course in Stoneham. (Photo courtesy of Arnold House)

the impact of inflationary-driven increases in project materials and labor costs. Though Town Meeting subsequently appropriated an extra \$25 million towards the construction budget to offset those overruns, that extra help came too late to restore the office wing back into the design.

The townspeople's decision

In order to show citizens that the final say about the Arnold House purchase is up to the community — and further dispel the notion that the future use of the property has already been decided — the Select Board in recent days formed a 12-person committee to advise Town Meeting about the benefits and downsides of the proposed real-estate transaction.

With only nine of those representatives retaining voting power, the Select Board very intentionally appointed five citizen representatives — or a majority voting block — to the advisory panel.

Before rendering a final opinion, board members will consider the town's future capital building needs for all town departments, examine cost projections associated with retrofitting the 490 William St. property to achieve those aims, and explore other accessory uses that may be possible on the one-acre property.

Besides evaluating the financial repercussions of the real-estate purchase on taxpayers, the group will also be asked to speculate on what types of private developments and associated impacts can be expected should the townspeople reject the sales offer and allow a third-party to acquire the site.

Town officials, though willing to give the group a reasonable amount of time to complete their analysis, have still not ruled out the possibility of brining the matter to next month's Fall Town Meeting for a final vote.

Tewksbury Community Market to debut taco truck

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market will be open this Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Livingston Street Park (288 Livingston St.), in the parking lot behind the Recreation Center.

The Sept. 21 market will feature 32 vendors, including:

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- Atrvete A Probar (tacos, quesadillas, loaded nachos, loaded fries)
- Cupcake City (cupcakes)
- Empanada Dada (empanadas)
- Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi)
- What The Fork (burgers, chicken, fries & more)

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- Bittersweet Herb Farm (sauces, seasonings, oils, jams, balsamic vinegar)
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Visit the Tewksbury Community Market's website at <http://www.tewksburymarket.com> to learn more. Follow the Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter (@TewksburyMarket), and Instagram (@TewksburyCommunityMarket) for additional market updates throughout the season.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov and Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Tewksbury two-day Fall Festival scheduled for weekend of Sept. 23 and 24

TEWKSBURY — The Town of Tewksbury will host the 9th annual Fall Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 from 12 - 5 p.m. both days at the Livingston Field Recreation Complex. The festival will once again be a two-day celebration with separate and unique attractions each day.

On Saturday, there will be a balloon twister, face painting, and touch-a-truck event. Touch-a-truck will feature vehicles from the police and fire departments as well as MDR Construction. Wamesit Lanes will also join us with the Mystery Machine and rounds of musical chairs.

Attendees will see some of their favorite Community Market vendors on Saturday; Empanada Dada, Cupcake City, and The (Lemonade) Stand. Helicopter rides are SOLD OUT! Thank you to all who donated to the Tewksbury Community Pantry for a ride.

On Sunday, local artisan creators are the focus. There will be a variety of fall-themed lawn games, kids crafts, and live music from the Road Dawgs. Live dance demo by Trish's Tots and Dance Expressions. With over 80 food and craft vendors, there is a little something for everyone. There will be a pie eating contest hosted

by DJ Vince and kids will have another chance to have their faces painted and for balloon animals.

Free parking will be available across parking lots on Livingston Street including 10 handicap spots in front of the Recreation Center; first come, first served. Additional parking at Wynn Middle School and Tewksbury State Hospital. This event is sponsored by the Town of Tewksbury with the generous support of the Town Manager's office, Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works. Looking for more information or how to sign up to volunteer? Visit tewksbury-ma.gov/fallfestival

Tewksbury DPW faced summer of crisis

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury's Department of Public Works faced 100-year rain events, flash flooding, and abnormally high heat this summer, combining to create a perfect storm of infrastructure crises for the town's public works staff to manage while still carrying out much-needed pre-planned maintenance and construction activities.

Several water main breaks occurred throughout the summer, and others continued into the fall; the water division worked to flush hydrants and repair breaks.

Over Labor Day weekend, DPW staff noticed that the water treatment plant was pumping far more water than usual, and residents of Catamount Road and the Lodge at Ames Pond had their water shut off and received boil water orders in response to a water main break.

The DPW installed a bypass system on Catamount Road to deliver water, and conducted bacteria test-

ing. Staff worked quickly to identify the source of the leak, which was buried 15 feet below ground and beneath a box culvert, making it extremely difficult to access and fix.

Some residents experienced brown water as a result of lack of water pressure. The boil water order was lifted on Sept. 15 for Ames Pond residents; town officials reported that the town is beginning to excavate the site to begin the process of permanent repair of the buried water main. The town received support from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and the Town of Billerica. Market Basket also donated 200 cases of water to residents.

At the recent Select Board meeting, Town Manager Richard Montuori took time to address the multiple crises: "It's been quite a month," he said. "We have a very dedicated group of employees."

Commendation letters were filed for staff who worked to resolve the issues.

Select Board members

praised Montuori and staff for working around the clock to keep residents informed and answer questions and phone calls. Select Board member Jayne Wellman requested that a formal letter of appreciation be sent to Billerica staff and that the town consider holding a recognition ceremony for DPW staff.

Montuori said that when he went to thank the DPW workers, they told him, "We don't want thanks, we want to get water to the residents."

In addition to water main breaks, the region has faced extreme rainfall and flooding, as well as storms resulting in power outages and fallen trees and limbs. Several street closures occurred due to excess soil saturation which resulted in falling trees.

Montuori highlighted weekend and after hours work by DPW employees and town staff to resolve issues as expeditiously as possible, as well as the role of public safety officers and first responders in managing road closures and responding to incidents.

Update to boil water order for Catamount Road

TEWKSBURY — Catamount Road has water supply via a mobile booster pump. The boil water order has been lifted by MassDEP as the town tested negative for coliform for two sampling rounds. It is sampling for coliform twice a week during the bypass setup to ensure the safety of the water supply.

The Lodge at Ames Pond is now supplied by a 6-inch hard piped bypass. The Ames property remains on a boil water order. The town is awaiting results for the most recent coliform sampling today; with negative results Tewksbury may come off the boil order there per DEP.

The town is working with

the property management company for the Lodge at Ames Pond, UDR, on a permanent repair to the water main break. It will provide updates as more information becomes available.

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Strategic Planning Com. aims to provide a plan that is actionable

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is made up of the vision, mission, and core values; overarching strategic objectives; and initiatives.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott said they provided their first attempt at the timeline for the objectives. She asked the committee members to look at work distribution and balance within staff. The Strategic Plan Committee aimed to provide a plan that is actionable.

Byrnes suggested they add another status to say that an objective or initiative is in the early stages so as not to suggest no work is in progress yet after asking if a particular objective had been

started. Elliott agreed this would be possible and likely helpful.

Turner shared he thought perhaps too many items were labeled in progress. He also wondered what was being done to help staff experience belonging.

Jesse Fennelly asked if they were considering gathering feedback using alternatives to surveys, suggesting that community members may have survey fatigue. He asked who was on the safety committee, and Elliott mentioned members of the police and fire departments along with parents.

Mike Mercaldi commented he liked the progress status board used and

wished Elliott and everyone involved luck executing the plan. He also suggested they use a dashboard-type format to show if initiatives are on track or behind.

Samaha wondered how metrics would be gathered and shared to lead to deeper understanding. Elliott shared they would include things like the number of languages spoken within the school district in the newsletter and they'd be transparent with different data.

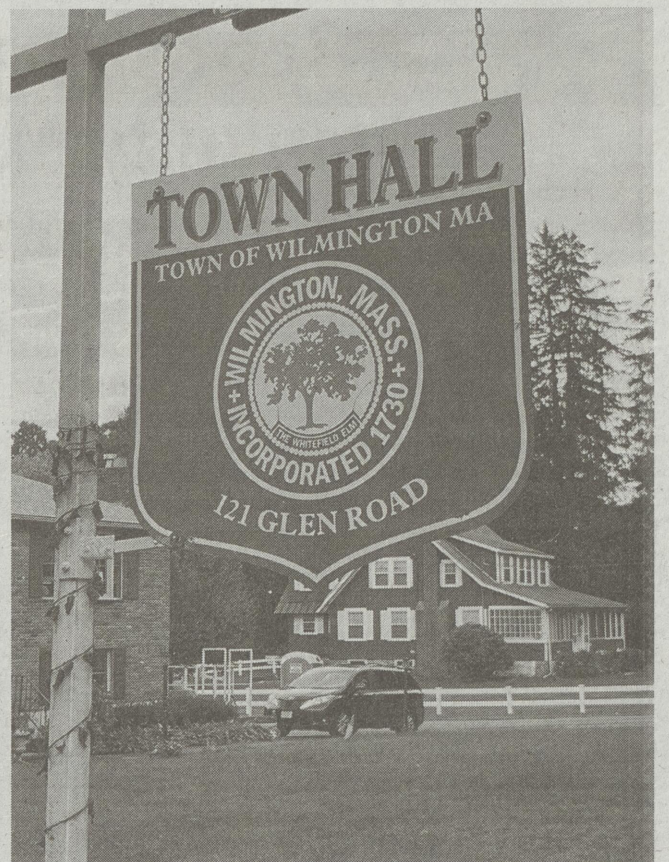
He also asked about existing peer-support programs at school. Elliott answered that there are some in place already, but they plan to make it universal.

Dr. Jenn Bryson shared

that she thought perhaps some of the action plan initiatives may have been too specific. She also asked about the plan specifying Multi-Tiered Support Systems being introduced across grade spans through the strategic plan.

Elliott replied they were working on this as part of the strategic plan but didn't include a middle school-specific objective in this regard.

Ragsdale assured the committee the feedback would be taken into consideration for the version that comes back for further review at their next meeting. Brand confirmed the goal was for the committee to vote favorably on the action plan.



▲ Wilmington is embarking on a search for a new town manager. The Select Board approved the use of a search firm to aid the committee. The committee is in the process of developing a request for proposal. (Paige Impink photo)

Town working with police and trying to improve all routes

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the Wildwood School at Carter Lane, there have been impacts to all routes making them take longer than ever to complete.

Brand said they're working with the police department and trying to address ways to improve all routes and decrease congestion.

Transportation Director Lisa Faretra shared she observed a change in traffic this year compared to previous years and would adjust routes based on traffic flow to avoid unnecessary delays.

Brand also showed the times of various school drop-offs and pickups from the first few days of school, recognizing there were still some routes lagging behind. He shared concern over pickup times, as some were as late as 40 minutes after the end of the school day.

He added they would be

adopting an electronic bus tracking system using GPS to help track the buses. He also acknowledged the district was not currently considering adding another bus, as they didn't believe this would quickly solve the issues at play.

School Committee member Jesse Fennelly asked if the buses were over capacity, and if it was possible for extra students to take the bus without registering. Faretra answered their records accounted for no more than 60 students per bus, which includes some students who aren't registered.

Fennelly also asked for information on what it would cost and the impact that an additional bus could make. A few other committee members shared that they heard from parents who may be willing to pay a bus fee, if that's required for another bus, al-

though it might impact ridership. The cost for one bus was estimated at up to \$75,000.

Stephen Turner reminded the committee they discussed the idea of bus fees before but had good reasons at the time not to move forward with them.

M.J. Byrnes suggested the district had not yet considered a feasible solution given the roadway obstructions in order to hit the timeframe goals.

Turner asked for the district to provide a weekly snapshot of the arrival and pickup times. He proposed that perhaps buses could be permitted to change the traffic lights similar to the way ambulances can.

Mike Mercaldi said he thought the bus tracking application would be helpful and he could see improvement in the school arrival times. He asked about how the pick-

up times were being addressed in the afternoon.

Dr. Jenn Bryson suggested in update communications to the district they use less explanation and quickly point to data and progress.

Brand brought up the idea of changing a school start time by just five minutes if that would help. Ragsdale maintained the district would not, however, consider reverting the school start times to the previous times.

Brand promised the committee continuous updates.

During public comment, a parent spoke up about a bus ride home where his daughter's bus driver missed her stop, his daughter was unable to communicate with the bus driver, and she arrived home at 5:15 p.m. He pointed out that student tardiness from the bus was taking away the additional instructional time intended.

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community" and would help guide the committee and board's decision making and help refine their selection criteria. Peterson reviewed a proposal from Berlin as well and felt confident that much of the language in these types of proposals is boilerplate.

The committee discussed the timeline of executing an RFP and engaging a search firm. Doherty raised the issue of the town budget season and the desire for a town manager to be in place for town meeting. [author's note: an interim town manager appointed by the Select Board would be in place until such time as a permanent town manager is hired.]

Other members felt the process should not be rushed, and even if a candidate was selected by a specific date, the start date may not coincide with the town's schedule. Peterson favored moving quickly to get a draft in front of the Select Board in order to

avoid delays in getting the RFP issued.

Eaton clarified that the Select Board will make a decision on the firm as the committee worked to propose dates for interviewing the consultants. Peterson said the board may have to hold special meetings to accommodate the interviews for the search firms.

As to scope, Peterson asked if any committee members had anything to add to the Westford example. Champoux wanted to ensure that the community input piece was included from Sudbury's proposal. The committee agreed the chair would put forth the suggested scope of work and timeline to town counsel and the Select Board as discussed for the formulation of an RFP/RFQ to be presented to the board for a possible vote at their Sept. 25 meeting.

The committee will meet again on Sept. 28 pending the outcome of the Select Board meeting on Sept. 25.

New staff joining the district due to retirements, expansion of programs

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School Committee that night pertained to new staff, the Wildwood MSBA project, and the effort of the Office of Information Technology.

He began by sharing that there were new staff joining the district this year for reasons of retirement, expansion of programs, and people moving to other districts.

Instead of inviting them to a night meeting after a full workday, he shared a presentation with pictures of the new staff members at the Wildwood, the Shawsheen, the Woburn Street, the North Intermediate, the West Intermediate, and the middle and high schools. There were more than 25 additional staff members in total. Brand said he looked forward to working with them.

He provided the committee with a memo and an accompanying document with the latest updates on the Wildwood MSBA project. He reminded the committee

that a lot of work had been done already to get them to this point.

Kicking off the creation of a community identity, he spoke of the four visioning sessions to begin the following week with Dore + Whittier. There would be a hybrid approach allowing anyone to participate in person or remotely.

Brand shared that he participated in this process in other districts and observed the structure of the sessions promoting the expression of thoughts and ideas. He also mentioned there were representatives from all different areas of town who signed up to participate.

Chair David Ragsdale commented this next step was exciting for the district.

A summer update from the Office of Information Technology said the department had been busy replacing and replenishing equipment as part of multiple projects. Brand said they got the Zoom phone sys-

tem fully online and put phones in classrooms throughout each building. He thanked IT Director Ken Lord and his staff for their effort.

Ragsdale pointed out that the Office of Information Technology is made up of just seven employees who installed the 450 phones.

The committee approved the student activity accounts for years 2023 and 2024 as provided by Ruggiero. He explained the money comes from fundraising and is used to benefit all students. Anything leftover can be used for future reunions, although amounts over \$5,000 go through principal discretion.

A subcommittee report delivered by committee member Stephen Turner from the Wilmington Educational Foundation said that they were already opening grant applications for Wilmington educators and looking to reengage with some local businesses.

The committee will meet next on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.



Elvis is in the building!

In 2003, Mike Slater first performed his ELVIS tribute show in Wilmington. Above, with Elvis, is Ann Berghaus, Dorothy Lafionatis, Liz White, and Andrea Houser of the Sarah D. J. Carter Committee which presented that program. In only one month, the Committee is pleased to be hosting a 20th anniversary concert featuring "Mike Slater as ELVIS." We know you will enjoy his great singing and excellent showmanship! Please join us on Friday evening, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Wilmington Middle School, Carter Lane in welcoming "ELVIS" back to our stage. This concert is made possible in part by a Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Per our Benefactor, Sarah D. J. Carter, this Concert is FREE OF CHARGE, ALL WELCOME. (Courtesy photo)



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1 Brantwood Ln was sold to S J Peacock Builders Inc by Cogliano Ft and Stanton, Cheryl A for \$610,000 on 08/30/23

3 Clonmel Ave was sold to Courtney Jr, Michael W and Shrokmann, Falon by Lemiere, Mark D and Schwartz, Barry A for \$1,450,000 on 08/31/23

190 Fox Hill Rd was sold to Mahin, Abu S by Tuccero, William H and Tuccero, Gail L for \$690,000 on 08/31/23

29 Gedick Rd was sold to Grh Homes LLC by Russo Susan E Est and Russo, Paul for \$619,000 on 08/30/23

4 Knollwood Ct #4 was sold to Fattahi, Atusa and Fattahi, Amirali by Dailey Carol A Est and Carbone, Matthew for \$774,000 on 08/30/23

38 Manhattan Dr was sold to 38 Manhattan Rt and Decost, Mark W by Decost, Mark W for \$325,000 on 09/01/23

5 Maple St was sold to Iovanna, Robert and Iovanna, Denisse by Kim, Hun S and Kim, Pauline L for \$899,900 on 08/28/23

6 Morrison Rd was sold to 6 Morrison Road LLC by Ddh Phs Rt and Hattaway, Patricia S for \$625,000 on 08/30/23

2 Town Line Rd was sold to Orzeske, Madeline and Spracklin, Brett by Wilcox, Michael J and Wilcox, Jean M for \$820,000 on 08/28/23

57 Washington Ave was sold to Pandolfo, Neil A and Pandolfo, Taryn J by Singh, Bhalinder and Bawa, Sophia for \$925,000 on 08/31/23

LYNNFIELD

30 Forest Hill Ave was sold to Tse, Kevin and Tse, Meghan by Van Kleeck RET and Van Kleeck, Jamie for \$885,000 on 08/31/23

170 Moulton Dr was sold to Abiodun, Iyabode and Johnson, Phiona by Walden Prop Solutions LL for \$920,000 on 08/31/23

7 Russet Ln was sold to Batterman, Giulio and Batterman, Katelyn by Indresano, Robert D and Indresano, Tara L for \$1,310,000 on 08/29/23

16 Wildewood Dr was sold to Torres, Bruno A and Torres, Katrina by 16 Wildewood Drive T and Kurtz, Jacalyn S for \$1,250,000 on 09/01/23

22 Wildewood Dr was sold to Okparavero, Aghogho and Okparavero, Efe by Simonelli, Donna J and Simonelli, Ronald for \$1,125,000 on 08/30/23

NORTH READING

3 Edgewood Ter was sold to First Landing Invs LLC by Tighe, Robert V and Tighe, Marilyn R for \$325,000 on 08/28/23

3 Edgewood Ter was sold to Lpem Designs LLC by First Landing Invs LLC for \$355,000 on 08/28/23

16 Freedom Dr was sold to 16 Freedom Drive Rt and Kinzie, Suzanne by Mcdonald, Brian and Rice-Mcdonald, Kathleen for \$1,348,000 on 09/01/23

27 Little Meadow Way was sold to Bonfanti, Linda by Muise, John W for \$1,825,000 on 08/28/23

3 Lloyd Rd was sold to Scherle, Calvin A and Cuoco, Amanda M by Billy Baru Const LLC for \$885,000 on 08/29/23

12 Sunset Ave was sold to Hart, Nicole and Strumfels, Andrew by Liazso Sandra A Est and Keegan, Susan A for \$830,000 on 08/29/23

READING

62 Abigail Way #2006 was sold to Mann, Trueman B and Mann, Donna I by Cullinan, Suzanne P for \$599,900 on 08/30/23

57 Augustus Ct #3004 was sold to Harrington, Brooke A by Anand, Bhavneet K or \$489,000 on 08/28/23

43 Glenmere Cir was sold to Douglas, Chalini J and Douglas, Eric by Lacivita, Patrick C and Lacivita, Lauren M for \$865,000 on 08/28/23

2 Haven St #308 was sold to Gerniglia Investments LLC by High Street L P for \$645,000 on 08/30/23

2 Haven St #309 was sold to Gerniglia Investments LLC by High Street L P for \$645,000 on 08/30/23

119 Libby Ave was sold to Bleier, Allison by Falcione Maureen Est and Falcione, Vincent M for \$655,000 on 08/31/23

237 Main St #A2 was sold to Collins, Siobhan and Hayes, Tristan by Metrakas, Chrystalia K for \$335,000 on 08/30/23

12 Pratt St was sold to Phelps, Joel and Phelps, Erin by Linda S Smith RET and Smith, Linda S for \$955,000 on 08/29/23

59 Pratt St was sold to Veckerelli, Laura and Bernatchez, Trevor by Shea, Michael F and Shea, Jane E for \$1,160,000 on 08/30/23

11 Springvale Rd was sold to Dejong, Victor and Seiglie, Jacqueline by Dentremont, Kevin and Dentremont, Susan for \$775,000 on 08/30/23

39 Taylor Dr #2003 was sold to Rosanna Nosedo RET and Nosedo, Rosanna by Moira Linehan Ounjian RE and Delgrosso, Renata for \$700,000 on 08/31/23

22 Winter St was sold to Tofani, Gabrielle and Kelly, Owen by Boucher, Caroline E and Boucher, Jeffrey D for \$760,000 on 08/30/23

STONEHAM

9 Brookbridge Rd was sold to Moore, Amanda J and Howrigan, Daniel P by Zamarian, Kelly A and Zamarian, Valtides for \$1,011,000 on 08/30/23

8 Common St #2 was sold to Black, Laurel by Zhang, Terresa for \$470,000 on 08/31/23

109 Elm St #B was sold to Schiller, Rachel by Admanfred LLC for \$925,000 on 08/30/23

15 Lucy St was sold to Murphy, Lauren R by Devits, Richard L and Devits, Dorothy E for \$615,000 on 08/29/23

426 Main St #506 was sold to Thomas, Zachary and Thomas, Michael P by Burchfiel, Kurt for \$462,000 on 08/30/23

3 Rose Ln was sold to Scalfani Jr, Joseph by Carlini Ft and Carlini, Steven M for \$800,000 on 08/28/23

22 Wright St #3 was sold to Patalano, Steven M and Patalano, Karen A by 22 Wright Street LLC for \$1,025,000 on 08/28/23

TEWKSBURY

1563 Andover St #17 was sold to Ramsey, Kyle by Andover North Estates LL for \$509,800 on 09/01/23

1563 Andover St #4 was sold to Sajwani, Shoaib and Saleem, Saman by Andover North Estates LL for \$509,800 on 08/29/23

138 Beech St was sold to Chang, Andrew Y by Ryan, Kenneth W and Ryan, Kristen A for \$760,000 on 08/28/23

100 Decarolis Dr #100 was sold to Chella, Brad by Carreau, Jeffrey M and Madigan, Colleen M for \$470,000 on 08/30/23

11 Forest Ave was sold to Heider, Susan by Newcomb Stephen W Est and Mclane, Christina N for \$550,000 on 08/31/23

121 Fox Run Dr was sold to Kusmal Jr, Martin W and Rosario, Sugeidy by Maccuish, Edward A and Maccuish, Marie R for \$784,000 on 08/30/23

28 Greenwood Ave was sold to Dasilva, Eliomar J and Dasilva, Marcilene B by Centura Bay LLC for \$640,000 on 08/30/23

30 Hill St was sold to Graves Jr, Frank P by Balsamo, Ann M for \$50,000 on 09/01/23

70 Idlewild Rd was sold to Bedrosian, Cheryl and Goodman, Debra by Franks, Michael W and Franks, Michele E for \$825,000 on 08/28/23

9 Lloyd Rd was sold to Garabedian, Paige

and Tierney, Edward by Kelley, Marjorie E for \$455,000 on 08/30/23

1418 Main St #102 was sold to Mitchell, Julie by Nanak LLC for \$465,000 on 08/29/23

91 Maureen Dr was sold to Earle, Bryan W and Puglia, Jessica L by Fitzpatrick, James E and Fitzpatrick, Sheila A for \$800,000 on 09/01/23

12 Merrimack Meadows Ln #12 was sold to Jewell, Daniel and Jewell, Erin by McCusker, Maura for \$565,000 on 08/28/23

240 Old Main St was sold to Perez, Marco and Perez, Janese by Lagrassa, Brennan for \$695,000 on 08/31/23

10 Oloughlin Dr was sold to Long, Patrick and Hampton, Samantha by Kemp, Keith and Dowdle, Briana for \$680,000 on 08/30/23

79 Pringle St was sold to Mandile, Stephanie by Hallock Pringle St T and Hallock Jr, David B for \$590,000 on 08/30/23

287 South St was sold to Bruno, Sandra and Bruno, Paul by Rodrigues, Carla R for \$800,000 on 08/31/23

53 Trull Brook Ln was sold to Bowes, Tracy and Rumrill, John by Clg LLC for \$720,000 on 08/28/23

51 Worthern Pl was sold to Marcial, Amanda and Marcial, Jamie by Nispel, Mary J for \$700,000 on 08/31/23

WAKEFIELD

5 2nd St was sold to Maio, Nicholas J and Condon, Kellie A by Peledge, Richard C and Peledge, Cheryl A for \$700,000 on 09/01/23

266 Albion St #16 was sold to Steven R Knopping RET and Knopping, Steven R by Palladino, Cristina for \$380,000 on 08/28/23

288 Albion St was sold to Rosata, Bryan and Napolitano, Samantha M by Dupuis, Casey G and Taglienti, Victoria G by for \$810,000 on 08/29/23

9 Butternut Rd was sold to Patel, Anjuben K and Patel, Kanayalal M by Laurila Jr, Gregory and Laurila, Mafalda for \$1,350,000 on 08/30/23

33 Cordis St was sold to Polhemus, Shannon C and Polhemus, Taylor J by Palmer, Russell D and Finlayson, Sandra L for \$900,000 on 08/31/23

62 Foundry St was sold to Wakefield Living LLC by 62 Foundry LLC for \$5,630,000 on 08/31/23

76 Foundry St was sold to Wakefield Living LLC by 62 Foundry LLC for \$5,630,000 on 08/31/23

80 Main St was sold to Cerna, Keyko and Cerna, Geraldine J by Griffith, Kevin W and Nader, Eliana C for \$765,000 on 09/01/23

554 Main St was sold to Santonelli, Robert by Santonelli, Steven for \$334,000 on 08/29/23

894 Main St #15 was sold to Zhang, Tong Y by Patel, Neil and Patel, Reshma for \$671,000 on 08/31/23

39 Myrtle Ave was sold to Nee, Michael and Richard, Melissa by Phimister Jr, Daniel J for \$625,000 on 08/30/23

22 Pheasantwood Dr was sold to Saba, Alexei and Saba, Alessia D by Giganti, Lucille and G-Passacantilli, Julie for \$1,050,000 on 08/30/23

17 Preston St was sold to 17 Preston Street Rt and Elliott, Crosby J by Buckley, Danielle H and Buckley, Brett for \$655,000 on 08/30/23

44 Salem St #F was sold to Tsar, Maryan and Tsar, Svitlana by Orifice Ann M Est and Merry, John B for \$575,000 on 08/30/23

178 Salem St was sold to Dossantos, Glaicy K by Tbnias, Demetrios and Tbnias, Maryann for \$905,000 on 08/31/23

50 Tuttle St #5 was sold to Won, Dongjun J by Covino, William and Covino, Linda for \$328,000 on 08/31/23

107 Vernon St #C was sold to Wang, Liang by Bassett, Christopher N and Bassett, Hui F for \$333,000 on 08/28/23

232 Vernon St was sold to Earley, David J and Erickson, Lisa S by Perumaphi LLC for

\$995,000 on 08/28/23

51 Whittier Rd was sold to Shrestha, Bibhoo and Shrestha, Barsha by Robertshaw, Carolyn H and Robertshaw, Peter for \$910,000 on 08/28/23

WILMINGTON

13 Central St was sold to Mok, Joan K by Teta, Michael J and Teta, Lytta E for \$575,500 on 08/30/23

33 Columbia St was sold to Zou, Lee and Lan, Li by Chen, Shaoming and Chen, Gang for \$569,900 on 08/31/23

5 Darby Ln was sold to Mocherla, Raghu-ram and Kumar, Shubha R Lily Oak Hill LLC for \$1,429,000 on 08/31/23

6 Draper Dr was sold to Patnode, Eri and Delande, Taylor by Nottebart Ft and Nottebart, Donald R for \$700,000 on 08/29/23

18 Kelley Rd was sold to Lightner, Kyle P and Lightner, Jaclyn by Oliver, Richard D and Oliver, Janet M for \$650,000 on 08/28/23

168 Lowell St #2 was sold to Nagre, Shashikant and Dhakne, Rucha by 168 Lowell Street LLC for \$674,900 on 08/30/23

317 Salem St was sold to Xu, Weidong and Huang, Cheng by Carli, Michael D and Carli, Elizabeth for \$1,000,000 on 08/31/23

4 Sparhawk Dr was sold to Lin, Liang T and Duong, Tiffany by Lee, Jiyoung and Cho, Mina for \$750,000 on 08/29/23

7 Virginia Rd was sold to Cantave, Pierre and Louine, Wislene by Hunter, Robert E and Hunter, Kayoua for \$775,000 on 09/01/23

7 Webber St was sold to Jiang, Mei Q and He, Shuu by P&g Rt and Peterson, Robert G for \$970,000 on 08/28/23

WINCHESTER

400 Cross St #304 was sold to Evans, Marc and Evans, Ksenia by Lopes, Renata and Lopes, Rogerio for \$706,000 on 08/28/23

29 Edward Dr #29 was sold to Memelli, Gledis by Kerwin, Joan and Carceo, James for \$945,000 on 09/01/23

222 High St was sold to Welsh, Michele D and Welsh, Stephen G by Karp, Stephen and Karp, Elaine for \$2,860,000 on 08/31/23

64 Highland Ave #11 was sold to Luo, Wenli by Han, Ruonan and Li, Xiaoxiao for \$820,000 on 08/31/23

Rockledge Ter was sold to Rocky Ledge Terrace LLC by Rocky Ledge Estates LLC for \$4,600,000 on 09/01/23

11 S Gateway was sold to Kesav, Sangeetha and Kumar, Venkateswaran by 11 S Gateway Winchester for \$1,475,000 on 08/30/23

15 Tufts Rd #15 was sold to Kent, Steven P and Richardson, Elisabeth S by 15 Tufts Road LLC for \$1,430,000 on 09/01/23

17 Tufts Rd #17 was sold to Biswas, Amlan and Banerjee, Pallavi by 15 Tufts Road LLC for \$1,425,000 on 09/01/23

4 Ware Rd was sold to Xu, Meimei and Wu, Lingfei by Martha J McGowan RET and McGowan, Matthew T for \$870,000 on 08/28/23

WOBBURN

3 Albert Dr #11 was sold to Mainini, Maria by Gari, Nicolae and Lakeview Loan Servicing for \$247,000 on 08/28/23

36 Cambridge Rd #12 was sold to Mano T and Manokharan, Niranjala by Brock, Larry D for \$619,900 on 08/31/23

10 Church St was sold to Abdulmassih, Elie by Plona, Jeffrey and Plona, Leeann for \$925,000 on 08/31/23

22 Derby Dr #22 was sold to Casserly, John H and Casserly, Rita A by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$799,900 on 08/30/23

7 E Dexter Ave #2 was sold to Smirnova, Olga and Smirnova, Yury by 7 East Dexter LLC for \$278,400 on 09/01/23

7 Edith Ave was sold to Cunningham, Karen by Gratia Gay Williams Est and Williams, Gratia G for \$590,000 on 08/31/23

Hill St #A42 was sold to Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC by Montvale Land LLC for \$8,420,588 on 08/31/23

15 Independence Dr was sold to Mahat, Krishna and Mahat, Samir by Juanita Rt and Zeoli, Anthony S for \$890,000 on 08/30/23

502 Main St was sold to Kgc Properties LLC by Mdj Property LLC for \$900,000 on 08/28/23

1011 Main St #6 was sold to Bosa Management LLC by Moden Lorraine B Est and Moden, Karl S for \$310,000 on 08/29/23

3 Marion St was sold to Guilli, Andrew V and Guilli, Daniel by Carchide Phyllis Est and Farese 3rd, Alfred P for \$710,000 on 08/29/23

101 Mishawum Rd was sold to Miller, Laura by Jr & Rj LLC for \$750,000 on 08/31/23

361 Mishawum Rd was sold to Woburn Minuteman LLC by Daniels, Joan E and Heimlich, Bette L for \$375,000 on 09/01/23

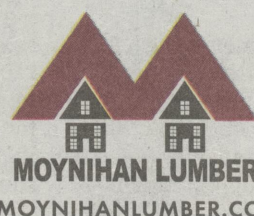
163 Salem St was sold to 163 Salem Street LLC by Barbas, Peter E for \$950,000 on 08/30/23



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OOSTERMAN'S REST HOME

A Family Owned Rest Home Providing Exceptional Care in a Home-like Setting

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It's not too late to prioritize your eye health

(BPT) - At age 22, Gail Devers was living her dream. She was a senior in college, already an American record holder in the 100-meter hurdles and on her way to competing at her first Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. Then suddenly, it became evident something was off. Within a couple of months, Gail went from posting her personal best to running slower than ever before, causing her to miss the Olympic finals. Soon, Gail had lost nearly 40 pounds, her skin was flakey, her hair was thinning and she was suffering from pain in her eyes, too.

Eager for answers, Gail met with a multitude of doctors, all who said: nothing was wrong, she was

stressed, she'd peaked too early with her training, or worst of all, she was imagining things. With no answer in sight and her track career on hold, Gail's physical health began to take an emotional toll. She stopped leaving her house, covered up all the mirrors and just wanted to black out the world. Her body and eyes had changed so much to where she didn't recognize the person staring back at her. But even in the toughest moments, Gail was determined to find answers and come back even stronger.

Nearly three years later, Gail was finally diagnosed with Graves' disease, an autoimmune condition where the thyroid becomes overactive

and produces more thyroid hormones than necessary, also known as hyperthyroidism. "The diagnosis was both a relief and a turning point, as I had the motivation to take the next step in my health journey," Gail said. "I still had my goals and dreams, and as someone who knows hurdles, I decided this was just another one I had to figure out how to get over."

With Graves' disease finally under control and with a lot of grit, determination and support from coaches, family and friends, Gail qualified for the Barcelona Olympic Games, where she won her first of three Olympic gold medals. Yet, Gail continued to suffer from her eye symptoms. Gail's eyes

were bulging, irritated and dry, and she couldn't close them fully when she slept.

For decades, Gail learned to live with her eye symptoms. "It got so bad, there were times I couldn't even see the hurdles in front of me," Gail added.

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The Fuller House Future Funds

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you on the behalf of The Fuller House of Stoneham as we launch our new Charitable Campaign; the Fuller House Futures Fund. We continue to thrive as we approach 100 years of continuous quality care to our senior citizens. What began in the early 1900's as a family's bequest of their home and substantial endowment with the vision to provide for the elderly population has blossomed into one of the finest small Rest Homes in New England.

We extend our request to area community members, businesses and families to become a part of the movement to support the Fuller family's mission to serve aging residents. A tax deductible charitable contribution can be made as a recurring donation, as a memorial with a passing of a loved one or within estate planning.

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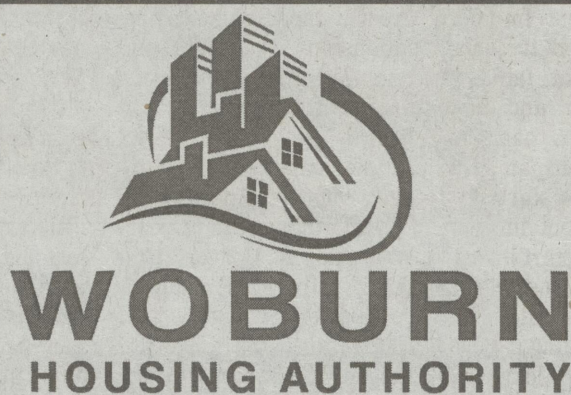
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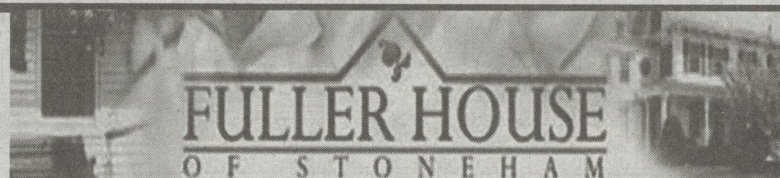


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Maintaining control over lifetime decision-making and your estate

= By Susan M. Mooney, Esquire =

As a practicing estate planning and elder law attorney for thirty-five (35) years, the best advice I can give to any client is that if you want to maintain control over your future and want your wishes to prevail regarding your future care during lifetime and your post-death estate distribution, then preplanning for your lifetime needs is critical. Establishing simple legal documents does not have to be elaborate or expensive and can save you and your family significant costs and potentially a lot of anguish and crisis planning later.

Further, you will maintain control over who will act in the roles of your decision-makers in the future, in the event you are unable to act on your own behalf during lifetime. Simple planning can protect you from Court intervention and from others, who may not be

your choice of persons to control your future decisions or your estate.

The first step in any estate plan should include documents related to lifetime planning and protections, such as a Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. These documents insure that during lifetime an individual's financial and medical needs, intentions and wishes are followed. These documents take care of you during lifetime (while other documents, such as Wills and Trusts relate to division of your belongings and other assets after your death, which is of course important as well, but not as important as taking care of you personally and maintaining control during your lifetime).

The following are suggested planning to be con-

sidered in establishing or reviewing an estate plan to meet your individual goals. IN MY OPINION THE DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE HEALTH CARE PROXY ARE THE TWO (2) MOST IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR LIFETIME PLANNING AND PROTECTION TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER YOUR FUTURE DECISION-MAKING, however, I have also included other important estate planning suggestions to consider.

1. **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY:** A Power of Attorney is a very simple and inexpensive legal document that allows you to designate an individual who is authorized to act in your place during your lifetime, to conduct and participate in financial transactions on your behalf. This person,

called your agent or attorney-in-fact, should be able to conduct any financial transaction in your place if you are either unable to do so, or if it is simply not convenient for you to do so, either temporarily or permanently. By executing a Power of Attorney, you avoid the risk of the Court appointing a Conservator to manage your affairs if you were to become unable to do so.

2. **HEALTH CARE PROXY:** The Health Care Proxy is the single most important legal document that any individual can have. It is a simple and inexpensive legal document that appoints the person of your choice as your health care agent, to speak on your behalf for medical decision-making ONLY in the event you are not legally competent or conscious to do so. It is important to name agents to avoid a Court appointed Guardianship, which is costly and can take weeks or months when a decision might be needed urgently.

3. **HIPAA RELEASE:** Separate and apart and in addition to a Health Care Proxy, a HIPAA release will allow your medical team to release information to those you name on the HIPAA release, whether you are competent or not at the time. Remember the Health Care Proxy will ONLY allow the release of information to your Health Care agent in the event you are not competent or conscious.

4. **WILL:** Determine if you need a new Will, or if you need to update or amend a current Will so that your post death wishes will be followed regarding distri-

bution of your estate.

5. **TRUSTS:** Determine if a Trust is right for you. A Trust may be advisable if there is a specific need for holding assets in Trust, such as protecting assets for minor children or disabled individuals, or to avoid probate, or for tax planning, or in some cases an Irrevocable Trust for long term care planning.

6. **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS:** Review and update all assets that allow you to designate a beneficiary, such as Life Insurance, Annuities, IRAs, 401ks, Retirement plans, etc. Assets with beneficiary designations are NOT controlled by your Will.

7. **REVIEW OWNERSHIP OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:** Bank accounts and investment accounts generally allow for PAYABLE ON DEATH (POD) or TRANSFER ON DEATH (TOD) designations. This form of ownership is generally advisable, as opposed to adding children or other relative's names to joint ownership on your accounts. Joint ownership is generally ill advised, since your assets would then be exposed to the risks of other joint owners, such as their accidents, divorces or other financial risks and liabilities.

8. **LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING:** Is there any planning advisable or recommended for you in case long-term care is needed or imminent? While pre-planning is advised, in the long-term care category many folks believe that planning must be completed five (5) years prior to the need for long term care. However,

that is NOT always the case. Often planning can be beneficial even at the last minute when someone is already in nursing home care. DO NOT PRESUME IT IS TOO LATE FOR LONG TERM CARE PLANNING IF YOU DID NOT PLAN FIVE (5) YEARS IN ADVANCE. Remember that every individual's situation is unique, whether related to assets, health issues, or family situations. It is important that you receive personal advice related to your specific situation and estate planning needs from qualified professionals. Nothing contained in this article is intended as legal advice specific to your personal situation. Please consult an estate planning or elder law attorney of your choice to review your personal planning and circumstances. About the author: Attorney Susan M. Mooney, is a partner in the law firm of Dalton & Finegold, LLP. She has been a practicing attorney for thirty-five (35) years. She received her law degree, summa cum laude, from New England Law/Boston in 1987 and undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts State and Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of the United States. Ms. Mooney is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA).

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Three habits you can work into your daily routine to improve longevity

(BPT) - Americans are optimistic about their longevity. A recent survey by MDVIP - a national network of primary care doctors focused on preventive medicine - and Ipsos found that 67% of Americans want to live longer than their parents and 87% want to take steps to live healthier for longer. However, 74% of Americans failed a basic 20-question quiz on the lifestyle

factors that influence aging and longevity.

Living longer doesn't happen by accident or by the grace of genetics alone. "Study after study has shown that our lifetime of decisions about what we eat, whether we exercise or whether we're managing stress have a considerable impact on how well we age," said Dr. Andrea Klemes, chief medical officer at

MDVIP.

Another thing to consider is that extending your lifespan shouldn't be the only goal. You want to focus on maximizing the number of healthy years of your life. By increasing your "healthspan" - how many years you live without serious disease - you can enjoy your life well into your 80s and beyond.

Here are three simple



It's easier than ever to improve your hearing

(BPT) - Imagine this: You're having dinner with friends. You know that someone just said something funny, because everyone else at the table is laughing. You're too embarrassed to admit that you didn't hear the joke, so you laugh along with everyone else.

For many adults, living with hearing loss is a daily struggle. But it doesn't have to be. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has created a new category of over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, providing easier access to affordable, safe and effective hearing aids for millions of adults who believe they may have mild to moderate hearing loss.

More than 30 million adults in the U.S. have some degree of hearing loss. Hearing loss makes it harder to communicate with family and friends and can lead to isolation. Untreated hearing loss is associated with depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, dementia, reduced mobility and falls.

Today, it's simpler than ever to buy effective hearing aids that can improve your ability to talk with family and friends, communicate with physicians, and

hear music, movies and TV. Adults (18 and older) who believe they have mild to moderate hearing loss can purchase OTC hearing aids without a medical exam, a prescription or a professional fitting. You can buy OTC hearing aids directly in stores or online. They typically cost less than prescription hearing aids.

Here are some other facts about OTC hearing aids:

- * Research from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), shows that OTC hearing aids can be as effective as prescription hearing aids for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss.

- * You control the settings for OTC hearing aids yourself, and you may be able to adjust them in more ways than you could with prescription hearing aids.

- * OTC hearing aids include labels with information you should know before buying, such as symptoms that indicate a more serious problem that may require treatment from a physician.

- * To help the public easily identify OTC hearing

aids, the devices are required to include the words "OTC" and "hearing aid" on the outside packaging.

Hearing aids can be life-changing, but only about one in four adults in the U.S. who could benefit from them has ever used them. In fact, people diagnosed with hearing loss wait, on average, nearly 10 years before obtaining hearing aids.

What are some signs that OTC hearing aids may be right for you?

- * Speech or other sounds seem quiet or muffled.

- * You have trouble hearing when you're in a group, in a noisy area, on the phone, or when you can't see who is talking.

- * You have to ask others to speak more slowly or clearly, to talk louder, or to repeat what they said.

- * When you watch TV or listen to music, you need to turn the volume up higher than other people.

OTC hearing aids are not for children or for adults with severe or profound hearing loss. These individuals should work directly with a hearing health care professional or a physician to address their hearing loss.

but essential habits you can incorporate into your life to help improve your healthspan.

1. Invest in your health like you do your finances

According to the survey, 54% of Americans admit they plan more for their financial future than their health. To invest in your health, you need to learn more about your family's medical history and how lifestyle changes can improve your healthspan.

"Just like you start saving for retirement in your 20s, you need to start investing as early as possible in your health," said Dr. Klemes. "Try taking a 'portfolio' approach to longevity and make sure you have a primary care doctor who will help you build the right mix of healthy habits based on your history, risk factors and goals."

Investing in your health doesn't require overhauling your life in one night. You can talk with your doctor about your current health status and work with them on setting realistic goals and benchmarks you can work toward over time. By creating a plan and making small incremental changes to your lifestyle, you can

reap dividends in healthier years now and in the future.

2. Prioritize socializing and happiness

When you think about your health, you likely think about what you, as an individual, can do to improve your wellness and longevity. However, your health can be greatly impacted by the relationships you form and maintain throughout your life. That's because having healthy, stable and strong relationships positively impacts your happiness.

According to an 85-year-long study by Harvard University, there is a direct correlation between social connections and longevity. People who have strong social ties with their friends, family and community are happier, healthier and live longer than those who are less well-connected.

Other research supports the Harvard finding. A 2022 article published in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society found that optimism is associated with healthy aging and longevity across racial and ethnic groups. Make it a point to schedule regular calls, meet-ups and activities with people you care about so you can be happier and help

contribute to their happiness and health, too.

3. Find a primary care physician

Establishing a relationship with a primary care physician (PCP) and getting annual check-ups is vital to improving your healthspan. A PCP will get to know you and monitor any changes to your health that could otherwise be missed if you don't have a regular doctor.

Another advantage of having a PCP is that you can talk about your risk factors and ways to prevent disease instead of reacting only to health problems as they appear. MDVIP-affiliated physicians focus on personalized care, early detection and preventive medicine. These PCPs have smaller practices, so they can spend more time and partner with patients to improve their health.

If you want to lead a healthier, more vibrant life, visit MDVIP.com/LongevityIQ and take the Longevity quiz to understand more about the factors that influence aging. There you can also learn what steps you can take to help extend your healthy years.

New senior living community, The Delaney at the Vale, now open



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Diane Robinson,
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Woburn, Mass. — Woburn will soon be home to a brand-new senior living community. The Delaney at The Vale, a 62+ community scheduled to open this summer, features contemporary independent living, assisted living and memory care residences. The community will include three connected buildings complete with high-end amenities, upscale concierge services and on-site parking.

The Delaney is managed by Life Care Services®, an LCS® Company, which was recently ranked highest in customer satisfaction with independent senior living providers for the fourth consecutive year in the J.D. Power 2022 U.S. Senior Living Satisfaction Study. The Delaney at The Vale was designed by Boston-based architect DiMella Shaffer, which has been designing senior living communities for over 30 years.

"We're excited to be able to offer active adults the highest quality of life in a

warm environment where they can thrive," says Executive Director Amy Murray, a 10-year veteran in senior living who was born and raised in New England.

Murray is supported by Rowley resident Kelly Brosch, Director of Sales & Marketing, who brings two decades of sales and marketing experience to The Delaney, and Diane Robinson, Community Relations Specialist, who has helped residents and their families through the transition to senior living communities for more than a decade.

"The community has set a new standard for exceptional living in our area. I can't wait to share this experience with our Founders Club members, potential residents and area professionals," Robinson says.

Located just west of I-93 at Montvale Avenue, The Delaney is part of The Vale, the master-planned redevelopment of the former Kraft Atlantic Gelatin Facility, which closed in 2015.

In addition to The Delaney, The Vale offers new retail and office space, new landscaped areas and walking paths, preservation of 28 acres of undeveloped land, restoration of nearly 15,000 sq. ft. of wetlands as well as a new connection between the site and the existing Tri-Community Greenway.

The Delaney is currently accepting a limited number of priority reservations in advance of its opening. Depositors will join the community's Founders Club, which offers choice of preferred location and floor plan, discounted pricing, complimentary moving services and other exclusive benefits. Those interested in learning more about The Delaney are invited to call 781-350-5691 or email life@delaneyatthevale.com to schedule an appointment at the community's information center, located at 7 Hill Street in Woburn.



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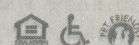
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6 tips to help you spot and avoid financial scams

(BPT) - Technology can make life convenient, especially with mobile phones that help us stay connected on-the-go. Unfortunately, today's scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, making it more difficult to spot suspicious emails, calls or texts. But the good news is there are ways to identify the red flags of a potential scam if you know what to look for and understand the right steps to take - or not to take - when you suspect you're being scammed.

Once you've learned about these techniques make sure to share the information with your friends and family - especially those who may be more vulnerable to these kinds of scams. For instance, start a conversation with older and younger adults who may be more trusting of digital technology.

Here are tips to help you and your loved ones be on guard against scammers from the security experts at Bank of America.

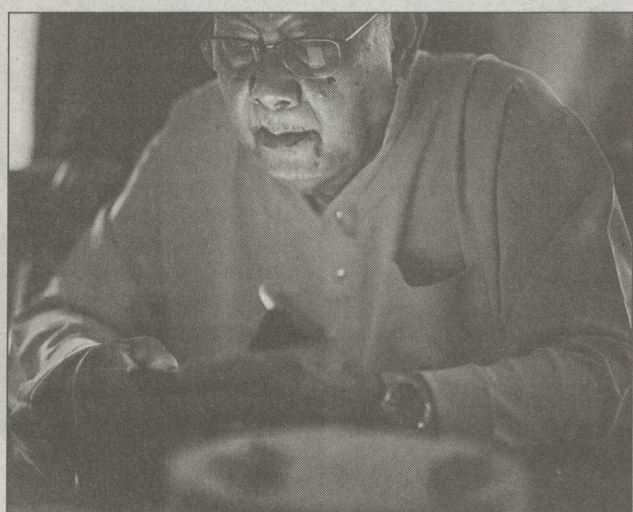
1. Didn't expect it? Don't click it.

Be wary of any message that's unexpected - no matter who or what company it's from - especially if it's about something like a "problem with your account," "confirmation of an order," "difficulty delivering a package" or a "virus on your computer." These messages may come by phone, email, text, direct message or pop-up with a request for personal information or money.

Rule of thumb: Never click on a link or open an attachment from any institution or individual unless you were expecting it. If you think the message could be legitimate, take a moment and find the contact information on the company website and then reach out to the institution or person directly and ask if the email, text or call came from them. If not, simply delete it.

2. Be wary of requests that pressure you to act immediately.

Watch out for messages that pressure you to act immediately. If a familiar company or someone you know comes to you with an alarming "emergency" or "problem" where time is of the essence, take a breath and recognize that this urgency may be a scam. Scammers know if they can get your emotions or adrenaline high



that you're less likely to think rationally. And don't just trust caller ID to confirm who's calling since numbers and voices can be easily spoofed or imitated. Even if it seems to be from a relative or friend, call that person directly at the number you've always used to contact them in the past to confirm if the message indeed came from them.

3. Asked to pay in an unusual way? Stop and assess the situation.

Scammers often ask for a payment method that can't be traced or rescinded, such as through a bitcoin, prepaid debit cards or gift cards - this is a major red flag. If you're asked to provide payment in an unusual way, stop and assess if this may be a scam. Financial institutions will never ask you to transfer money to anyone, including yourself, and will never ask you to transfer money because of possible fraud on your account.

4. When in doubt, don't give it out.

It's crucial to safeguard your personal and financial information. Be wary if you are asked to provide personal or account information. Keep in mind that a financial institution such as Bank of America will never contact you via phone, text or email to request personal information or an account verification code. Never provide this information to anyone unless it was you who initiated the call to the company.

5. Tempted to "get rich quick?" Trust your gut.

If you receive an offer for a free product, trip, or other "get rich quick" opportunity that seems too good to be true, trust your instincts. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Also, never cash a check for someone you don't know personally even if they claim they will pay you extra for the favor. If you authorize a transfer or send money to a scammer, it can be very difficult for you to get your money back.

6. Take your security to the next level.

Use up-to-date technology to avoid falling victim to scams. You can help protect your online accounts by always using features like two-factor authentication, which makes your accounts harder to access, and activity alerts that keep you updated on what's going on with your account.

Unsure how safe your accounts are? Check if your bank offers security tools to help you. The Bank of America Security Center brings together security features and tools as well as fraud and scam education, making it easy to get the latest info and protect yourself. Security Center in Mobile and Online Banking also includes a security meter that shows you the level of protection of your accounts and information.

Learn more about ways to protect your financial security and help avoid scams.



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When it comes to supporting seniors, choosing care is personal

No one likes to be in a position of asking for help, but as we get older, most of us have to get comfortable accepting assistance. That help might be cobbled together from family and friends, paid staff or the community. When your support system is loosely organized, it can all fall apart if the usual help isn't available, or when you temporarily need extra support, like after surgery.

The question is, how can you get the right amount of reliable help without giving up the independence that you value? Consider PACE, like the Element Care PACE program that operates in more than 40 towns across the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and it certainly does include a lot of different kinds of support for older adults who need extra help but want to keep living in the communities they call home.

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Like so many aspects of life with PACE, your healthcare is personalized based on what you need. If you need services at home, you can get help with your meals, personal care or housekeeping. For folks who want to get out and about, one of the best parts of the program is everything that's going on at the Day Centers.

Element Care's centers in Lynn, Gloucester, Beverly, Methuen and Lowell are a bustling hub of activity every day, with safe transportation provided. Besides being the location for most of your health services, the Day Centers are where other seniors gather to socialize, enjoy meals together, exercise,

and take part in any number of activities from cards and games to crafts and dancing. At the end of the day, you get to go home to your familiar surroundings.

More help is something we all need as we get older, but getting the support you need is a personal choice. When your independence is at stake, you need a reliable system that's personalized for your lifestyle. With a program like Element Care PACE, participants get to enjoy the best of both worlds: true independent living, at home in the community, along with highly personalized and all-inclusive care for all the important things. When you can count on help like that, you can get back to enjoying your independence without relying on friends or family for every little thing.

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• Eye health

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It would take 30 years before Gail was finally diagnosed with Thyroid Eye Disease, also known as TED; a separate but related condition to Graves' disease, that requires separate care and treatment. "In all that time, not a single doctor mentioned that I was at risk for another condition or that my eye symptoms were separate from Graves'," said Gail.

Now, Gail manages her eye symptoms with a team of doctors - a TED Eye Specialist, an ophthalmologist with special training in diagnosing and treating TED, and an endocrinologist who continues to manage her Graves' disease.

It's Not Too Late

As a mentor to the next generation of athletes and an impassioned health advocate, Gail is determined to pass along her knowledge to help others. "Whether you've been living with Graves' disease for a long time like me, or were recently diagnosed, it's not too late to know your risk for TED, learn the signs and symptoms, and take action if necessary."

Signs and Symptoms of

TED

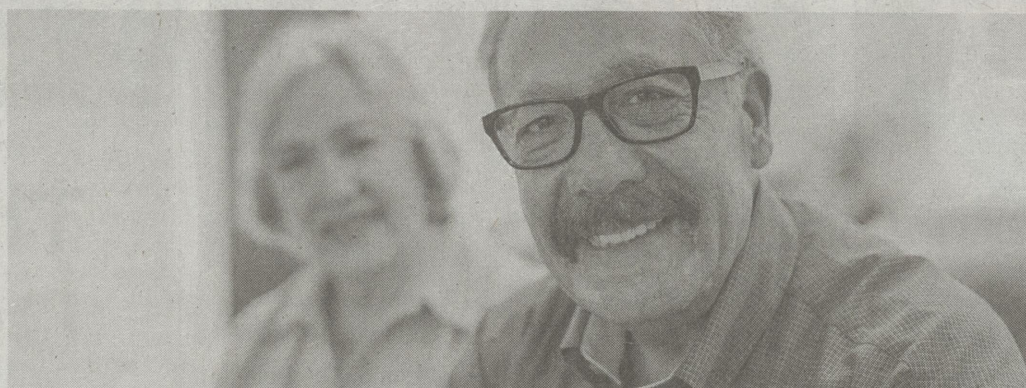
- * Dry or gritty feeling in your eyes
- * Feeling like something's stuck in your eyes
- * Watery, teary eyes
- * Redness
- * Eye pain and pressure behind your eyes
- * Bulging eyes and/or swollen eyelids
- * Eyelid retraction (pulled back eyelids)
- * Misaligned eyes (eyes point in different directions)
- * Sensitivity to light
- * Blurry and/or double vision
- * Loss of vision/color vision (occurs in a small number of patients)

For people living with a thyroid condition

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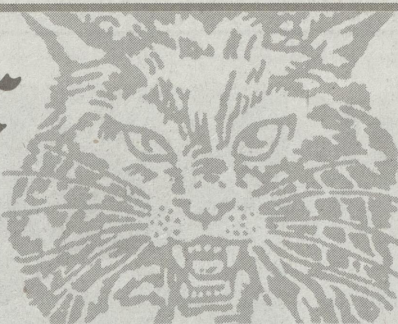
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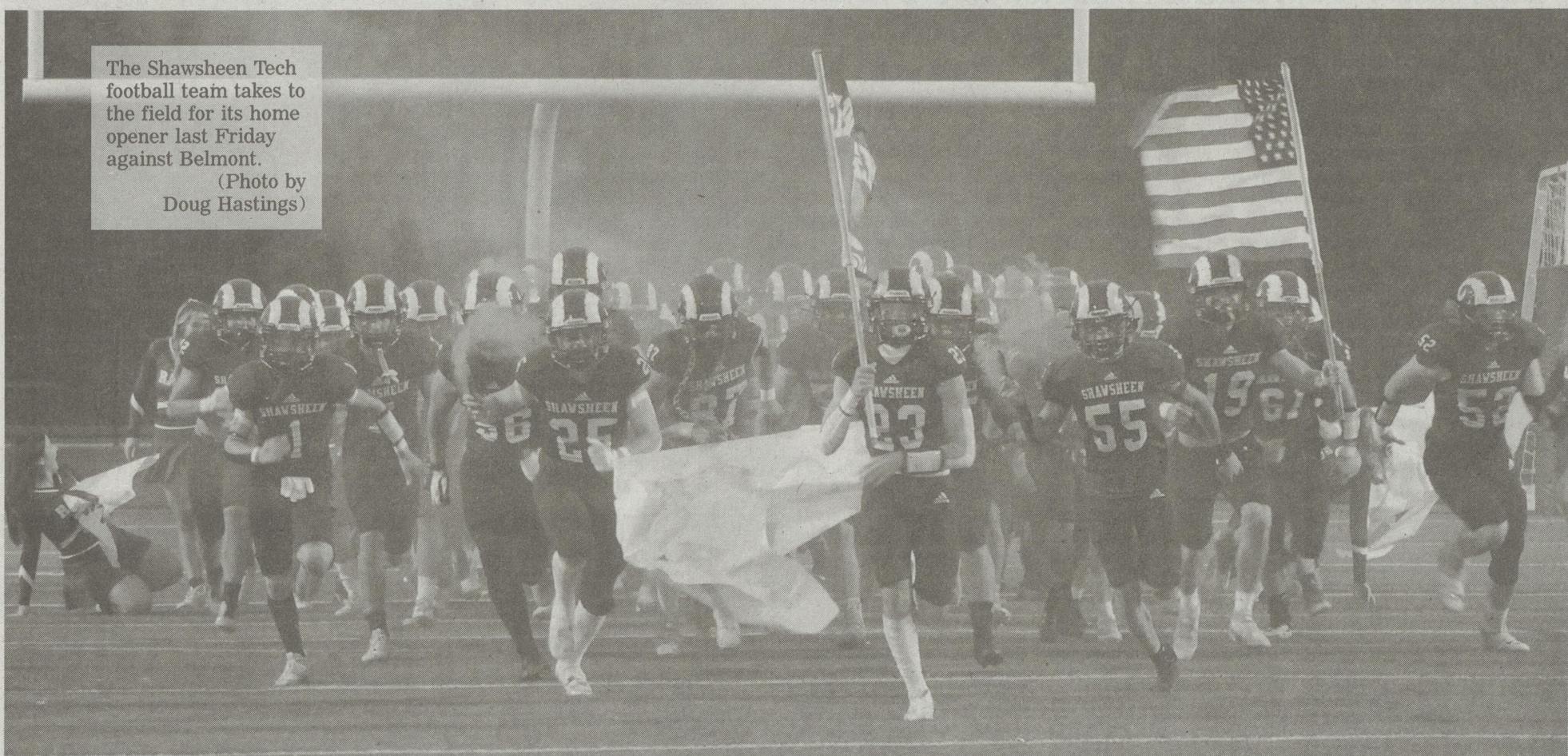
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The Shawsheen Tech football team takes to the field for its home opener last Friday against Belmont. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Shawsheen football passes another test

Rams handle Belmont, Stoneham is next

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When a Super Bowl appearance is a realistic expectation, the MIAA's power ranking system becomes a factor.

As important as wins is the quality of a team's opponent. Indeed, a competitive loss against a top team is more valuable than an easy win against a lower-seeded squad.

The Shawsheen Tech football team has planned accordingly.

"We stepped (the schedule) up," said Ram coach Al Costabile. "I'm proud of the boys."

The Rams, who reached the Div. 5 Super Bowl last year before falling to North Reading, opened the year against a Bedford program that was one of the best in Div. 4 a year ago.

Last Friday, Shawsheen hosted Belmont of the Middlesex League, a Div. 2 squad, before Stoneham visits this Friday. The Spartans were Div. 6 Super Bowl finalists in December.

After its first two non-league tests, it's so-far, so-good for Shawsheen, who beat Belmont by a 21-6 score in its home opener Friday.

The Rams opened the year by beating Bedford,



▲ The Rams get pumped prior to the kickoff of Friday's 21-6 win over Belmont.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

21-7.

"Belmont had its moments where they really put us to the test and our resilience really came through," said Costabile. "They're a good team, they're well coached and they did some really nice things on both sides of the ball."

Shawsheen flexed its defensive muscles right off the bat against Belmont, stopping the Marauders on a fourth-and-one from their own 34-yard line.

Four plays later, the Rams were in the end zone when senior running back Caleb Caceres of Billerica scored on a 2-yard run just three minutes into the action. A 27-yard pass

from junior quarterback Sid Tildsley of Billerica to senior Zachary Rogers of Wilmington on a third-and-10 play helped set up the touchdown.

Belmont went for another fourth-and-short from Shawsheen's 46-yard line on its next drive and once again didn't make it.

Senior Damian Ortiz of Tewksbury made a stop two yards behind the line of scrimmage on fourth down, moments after senior AJ Canadas of Billerica had a big third-down hit.

"The defense is playing great," Costabile said. "They're responding to Coach (Brian) Tildsley and the philosophy. He's got a lot of people involved with

different looks."

The next Marauder drive started on their own 19-yard line and, again, didn't last long.

Junior Cullen Walsh of Tewksbury and sophomore James Tildsley of Billerica combined to stop Belmont senior Adrien Gurung for a 1-yard loss on first down, a ferocious rush by senior Austin Malandian (Billerica), senior Thomas Cormier (Billerica) and senior Richard Elliott III (Billerica) forced an incomplete pass on second down before an 8-yard pass on third-and-11 forced a punt. The kick traveled only 24 yards, giving Shawsheen a short field.

Three plays later, the

Rams scored when Rogers broke loose for a 40-yard touchdown run. Senior Jared Bishop of Wilmington booted his second extra point to make it 14-0 just 51 seconds into the second quarter.

A 15-yard pass play to Caceres and a 10-yard run by Sid Tildsley led to the score.

Belmont answered with its best possession of the night, moving 68 yards in 13 plays before senior quarterback Jayden Arno hit Gurung with a 15-yard touchdown pass with three minutes to go before halftime.

BHS converted three times on third down during the drive and a 14-yard

keeper by Arno highlighted the possession.

The Rams had a critical answer before halftime.

A 42-yard kickoff return by Sid Tildsley helped set up Shawsheen's third and final touchdown, a 23-yard pass to Rogers on fourth-and-six with 1:35 left.

The Marauders nearly scored again in the final moments of the half.

After a 28-yard pass to senior Bryce Hubbard moved the ball to Shawsheen's 44-yard line, the Rams had a takeaway when Malandian tipped a pass that was eventually intercepted by Elliott.

The second half was scoreless as both teams used time-eating drives.

Belmont punted away its only possession of the third quarter and chewed up half of the fourth quarter with its next drive, earning five first downs and covering 72 yards in 12 plays before a first down from the Ram 22-yard line.

Two plays later, on third-and-nine, Malandian blocked a pass before Canadas stopped a fourth-down heave into the end zone with 6:28 to go.

Sophomore Eric Banda of Wilmington also had a nice tackle for a loss in the second half and one of the best defensive plays of the

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◀ The Wilmington High girls cross country team starts its race against Reading last week, a tight win for WHS.

▼ (From left) Senior Hannah Bryson, junior Addy Hunt and freshman Charlotte Kiley helped Wilmington beat Reading.

(Photos by Doug Hastings)



Girls cross country wins exciting opener

Depth the key as Wildcats hold off Reading

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In the season opener for both teams, the Wilmington High cross country teams faced Reading at Wilmington High.

The Wildcat girls won a thriller over the Rockets by a 26-30 score.

The boys lost to Reading, 15-47.

Addy Hunt and Hannah Bryson led the way for Wilmington's girls, placing first and second. The

pair led the race from beginning to end with Hunt taking over the top spot late in the contest.

Hunt won in 20 minutes even, Bryson was second in 20:38 and freshman Charlotte Kiley came in fourth overall in 22:13.

RMHS had the next three finishers before Wildcat Mia Stryhaleck came home eighth.

WHS freshman Isabel Carriere was 11th.

Other Wilmington finishers included Bela Zaya (12th), Kaitlyn Shac-

kelford (16th), Cayley Israelson (17th) and Tessa Cappione (20th).

Against a deep Reading

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Wildcats get the point, a big one

Boys soccer team battles Arlington to 0-0 draw

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Coming off an 8-0 loss to Winchester to open the season, the Wilmington High boys soccer had another tough assignment in

Game 2 last Thursday night in Arlington. But if the first game was a disappointment, the next one was just the opposite as Wilmington's defense certainly

"We hunkered in and played a good defensive

game," said WHS coach Steve Scanlon. "Tyler (Marinho) was great in net, he made a few ten-bell saves. The kids battled the whole game."

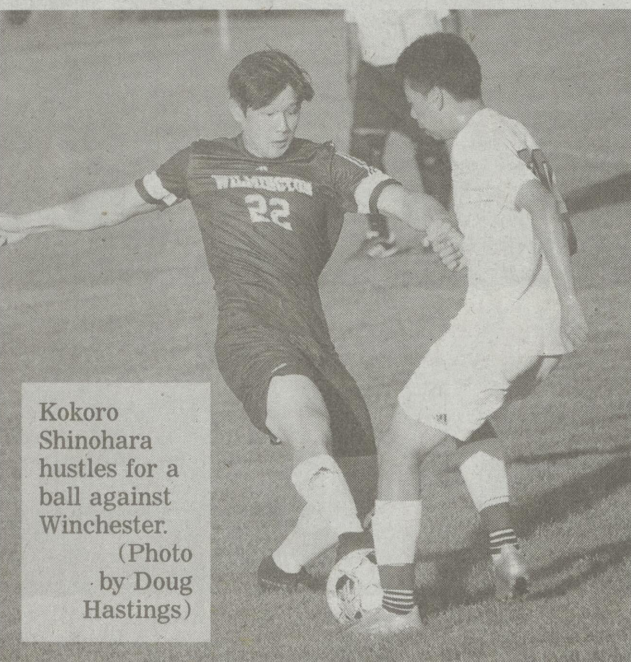
Wilmington is led by senior captains Charlie Rosa, Ethan Kennedy and Robert Elliot.

The Wildcats have nine seniors in all, a group that also includes Aidan Burke, Jon Foresyth, Mike McCarthy, Mike Oatis, Ben Marvin and Dan Lagunilla.

Wilmington hosted Wakefield on Tuesday and visits Stoneham on Thursday afternoon as the Wildcats begin play in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division.



From left, Tyler Florencio, Kokoro Shinohara, Ethan Schoenholtz and Charlie Rosa set up a wall in front of goalie Tyler Marinho during action against Winchester. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Kokoro Shinohara hustles for a ball against Winchester. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Jon Foresyth makes a pass for Wilmington. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Dan Lagunilla makes a play against Winchester. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Youth Hockey:

Bantam 1's win first three games

The Bantam 1's Wilmington Wildcats opened Valley League play for the 2023-24 season on Sept. 9 against the Newburyport Clippers at Hockey Town in Saugus on Saturday and won by a 10-1 score.

Wilmington got the scoring going in the first period when Cody Mastronardi, on a feed from Dylan Minasian, put the Wildcats up 1-0.

Wilmington poured it on, jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the first period with goals from Henry Almeda, Kyle Spencer, Ryan Hudd, and Tyler Boutiette.

Kyle Spencer, Mickey Moroney, and Dylan Minaian all added assists in the high-scoring first period. The scoring continued in the second period with Henry Almeda and Cody Mastronardi

each getting their second goals of the game assisting each other on their goals, with Mickey Moroney adding another assist.

Wilmington wrapped up the scoring in the third period with two additional goals, with Connor Jameison and Jon Cavanaugh adding goals. Nolan Harrison got the start in goal, turning away all shots except one for a final score of 10-1 Wilmington.

Final Score Wilmington 10 Newburyport 1 On Sept. 16, the Bantam 1's continued Valley League play at Hockeytown in Saugus facing off against Cape Ann and winning, 7-0.

Wilmington got off to a quick start with four quick goals in the first period. Cody Mastronardi had the first three goals of

the game with assists coming from Jack Cyr and Mickey Moroney.

Devin MacDonald had the fourth goal of the period and game on an assist from Henry Almeda. Wilmington added one goal in the second period with a goal from Marco McCollem and a rebound shot from Colin Doherty. The Wildcats added two goals in the last period with Devin MacDonald getting his second with an assist from Henry Almeda and Colin Doherty had the final tally, unassisted.

Dylan Mainini got the start in goal and turned away all chances.

The Bantam 1's wrapped up their first full weekend of hockey in Methuen with a Sunday 3-2 win against the Biddeford, Maine Junior Nor'easters.

The Wildcats got out to a 1-0 lead in the first period

on a goal from Tyler Boutiette on an assist from Masen Voner.

The Wildcats carried the play throughout the period with strong defense from Dylan Minasian and Colin Dorety made several key plays to slow down the offensive changes for the Nor'easters.

The Nor'easters though did capitalize on a Wildcat turnover late in the first period to tie the game at 1-1 which is how the period ended.

The Wildcats ended up taking a 2-1 lead on a goal from Nate Murphy assisted by Henry Almeda early in the second period, where the Wildcats were able to turn up the pressure with some extended offensive zone time with strong defensive play by Masen Voner and Colin Doherty.

The Wildcats continued

to carry play for much of the period, but the Nor'easters were able to get the tying goal before the end of the period with some sustained pressure toward the end of the period.

The Wildcats opened the period strong and had several good scoring opportunities with Ryan Hudd and Kyle Spencer nearly getting the go-ahead goal.

The scored remained tied at 2-2 until 12.7 seconds left in the game Mickey Moroney was able to get the game winner assisted by Dylan Minasian, for the 3-2 victory. Nolan Harrison and Dylan Mainini split the game in goal and were both up to the task turning away 18 of 20 shots.

Rams defeat Belmont

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game for the Rams came from special teams when Bishop punted from the Maudrauder 39-yard line and sophomore Ryan Jamieson of Billerica downed the ball at the 1-yard line.

BHS ended the game with a final effective drive, moving 66 yards to the Ram 13-yard line before time finally ran out.

Stoneham visits Shawshen on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Middlesex League's Spartans are coached by Bob Almeida, who coached Wilmington High for several years in the 1990s.



▲ The Wilmington High boys cross country team is off and running last week against Reading.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wildcat boys can't catch Reading

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boys team, Wilmington saw the Rockets take the first six spots.

Wilmington sophomore Gavin Dong was first for the 'Cats and seventh overall in 18:08, sophomore Jake Cronin was eighth in 18:15, Jameson Burns took ninth in 18:23, Michael Dynan ended up 12th in 19:13 and Dean Ciampa was the fifth WHS finisher, taking 13th in 19:29.

Other Wilmington runners included Vihbush Sivakumar (18th), Spencer Bagtaz (20th), David Dynan (23rd), Evan Cummings (24th), Conor Burns (26th), Nich Samaha (28th), Nathan Cardin (33rd) and Krish Patel (37th).

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Fast start lifts Wilmington

Wildcats improve 2-0 with win over Wahconah

WILMINGTON — Defense turned into offense for the Wilmington High School football team on Friday night.

Christian Febbo's pair of fumble recoveries along with his third-quarter interception paved the way for a relentless Wildcat defense on the way to a dominant 28-8 win over Dalton's Wahconah Regional at WHS.

Wilmington is now out to a quick 2-0 start to their season, but it wasn't easy for WHS coach Craig Turner and his group. "That was a hard-fought win," he said following the game. "They're a quality program with a tough and physical (offensive and defensive) line. That wasn't easy (and) they gave us all we could handle. It was a physical game."

That didn't stop the 'Cats from finding the end zone out of the gate.

On the first drive of the night, Wilmington put together a seven-play drive resulting in a Febbo 38-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Michael Lawler. After a Sands extra point, it was 7-0 Wilmington just minutes into the action.

Lawler's sling to Febbo was his first of two touchdown scores of the night, where he was 6-for-13 with 94 passing yards and 24 rushing yards. He showcased his playmaking ability the first drive, scrambling away from pressure and rolling to his right to drop a dime to Nick Iascone for a gain of 23 yards just moments before the opening-drive score.

And that's when defense started to turn into offense.

On Wahconah's first play of the game, Febbo recovered a fumble to put the Wildcat offense right back on the field — and the Wildcats made them pay. The offense strung together eight plays resulting in a 20-yard touchdown pass to Pat DeLucia to increase the Wildcat lead to 14 following another Sands extra point.

Just when the offense looked to be slowing down, AJ Chisholm took matters into his own hands. With about two minutes to play in the first half, the speedster took off for a 65-yard punt return to the end zone for another Wilmington touchdown and a 21-0 lead.

The following drive, Wahconah began to march into Wilmington

territory — until Febbo sprawled for an interception to end the threat — marking just the beginning of a challenging night on offense for Wahconah.

The only score for the visitors would be from a West Dews 75-yard kickoff return to open the second half.

Chisholm (INT), Dempsey Murphy (INT, sack), Ali Aboukal (sack), and Clyde Lambert (sack) all made their presence known on the defensive end for Wilmington.

"The defense was great, we pitched a shutout other than the kickoff," said Turner. "They played fantastic, the balls in the air and we have to go make plays and they did. It was a team effort on defense (and) a lot of guys pitched in and did

some big things."

From there, the Wilmington offense began to slow down, struggling to implement a run game and ultimately not scoring for another three drives.

"They played us really tough on the offensive line, we weren't able to run the ball like we wanted to so that made it tough," admitted Turner. "They handed it to us a little at times up front and made it tough to get into what we wanted to do. We never want to be in spots where we feel it's obvious passing downs and we're just chucking and ducking."

We want to throw the ball on our terms."

Iascone (28 rushing yards) and Ayden Bellevey (36 rushing yards) led the way on the ground

for Wilmington, but their run game from Week 1 was never quite established.

The 'Cats were able to break through with just under five minutes to play in the contest, where Bellevey powered through the goal line for a 1-yard score.

With their eyes set on Bishop Fenwick on Friday, Turner is still looking to improve on some needs of improvement despite a 2-0 start to their season, already matching their season win total from last fall.

"We need to be tougher up front (and) we got to make some plays in the passing game," he concluded. "We had some drops tonight that we have to clean up, we certainly could have put more on them offensively. We have work to do, we got a really big game next Friday. It should be a fun atmosphere."

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Girls soccer ready to improve

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Don't be fooled by the first two matches of the season, good things are in the future for the Shawsheen Tech girls soccer team.

In its first two contests, the Rams lost by identical 4-0 scores against Greater Lowell and Bedford, but veteran coach Doug Michaud knows his inexperienced group will only improve with time and experience.

"We have a good team, but most are new to varsity," he said. "Only four of the returning players are starters, so figuring out how people work together and if they can play the position is a bit of a learning curve."

Sydney MacPherson (junior) is Shawsheen's returning goalie while Judith Solman (junior) played outside midfielder last year and is now starting at center midfield.

Skylar Driscoll and Alex Burke (juniors) are both returning defenders.

Kendra Minghella (junior) has moved from being a forward to helping

the Rams on defense and "has been doing great" according to Michaud.

Maria Cafaro (sophomore) is playing well at forward.

Cera Salter is a sophomore who transferred to Shawsheen this year and is doing a solid job playing in the middle of the field.

Shawsheen has a busy week.

After hosting Mystic Valley on Tuesday, the Rams visit Greater Lawrence on Thursday and host Dracut on Friday at 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

The Shawsheen Tech boys soccer team bested Whittier Regional Tech on a rainy Monday, 2-1.

Midway through the first half the Rams took the lead off a set piece restart from junior Ethan Melanson, who was assisted by junior Jayden Perez.

Minutes into the second half Perez struck from in close off a nice feed from junior Jack Bourque.

Playing well for Shawsheen was senior goalie Nick Gerasimov, senior Corey Kirchner, junior Shaun Duhamel and soph-

omore David Vitale.

In its previous match, Shawsheen shutout North-east Regional, 2-0.

The Rams took a 1-0 lead into halftime on a goal from Bourque off a great throw in from junior Jason Dube. Shawsheen extended the lead on a second half bullet from senior Shane MacArthur, assisted by Perez.

Gerasimov earned the shutout in goal.

Shawsheen (2-1-1 overall) also tied Greater Lawrence in Game 2 of the season, 1-1.

The game was scoreless at the half before Greater Lawrence took a 1-0 lead.

Junior Nick Palmerino of Shawsheen struck for the tying goal assisted by Perez.

Playing well for Shawsheen was Melanson, senior Brian Duhamel, Dube and Gerasimov.

GOLF

The Shawsheen Tech golf team improved to 6-0 with a big win last Friday over Greater Lawrence by a lopsided score of 213-47.

Low medalist for the round was Matt Tramonte with a 2-under 33 and 40 points.

Wilmington High Roundup:

Girls soccer falls to Arlington

Defense keeps Wildcats close throughout

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After its season opening victory over Tewksbury, the Wilmington High girls soccer team was excited to build off its success in Week 2.

After running into league powerhouses Winchester and Arlington last week, the 'Cats were met with the harsh reality of the Middlesex League.

Last Tuesday, the team suffered a 5-0 loss to Win-

chester.

"The speed, power, and athleticism from Winchester proved to be overwhelming for (us, and we fell) behind 2-0 at the half," said WHS coach Alvaro Ibanez.

Despite some halftime adjustments, the Wildcats were ultimately unable to find the back of the net.

On Thursday, Wilmington went into a match with Arlington expecting a battle. And that's what the Wildcats got in a 1-0 loss.

After scoring in the first half on a breakaway, Arlington's lone goal was enough to come away with a victory. However, Ibanez is extremely optimistic with his group.

After posting 11 goals in their first two games, Arlington was held to just one goal against a strong Wilmington defensive front.

"No doubt that Arlington is a strong team with a lot of talent and well coached," said Ibanez. "That told me that we had to defend well, and that we did. Our defensive backs were solid and our goalkeepers were outstanding. Ashley Mercier and Nicole Morello did a terrific job in goal while Cate MacDonald, Lexi LeBlanc, Emily Grace, Lauryn Parr, and Erin McCarthy played a solid game on defense."

Wilmington is now 1-2 on the season before traveling to Wakefield on Tuesday and hosting Stoneham on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

After starting out the season 0-1 with a loss to Reading, it was a tough week for the Wilmington High volleyball squad on the parquet, falling to Winchester, Arlington, and Lynn Classical.

On Monday, the team fell 3-0 to Winchester before a 3-1 loss to Arlington on Wednesday. To close out the week, the 'Cats fell 3-0 to Lynn Classical to move their record to 0-4.

However, strong performances are still emerging as bright spots for Wilmington.

Annabelle Lozzi is the



▲ Wilmington celebrates a point during recent volleyball action.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

leading hitter with a hitting percentage of 0.359, Anna Jancsics is the leading server with 3.3 aces per match, and Katherine Hao is the leading setter with 9.8 assists per match.

"We still have many matches to play and hope to pull out our first win this week," said WHS coach Mollie Pelletier.

Wilmington looked to do just that with a match against Wakefield on Tuesday before hosting Stoneham on Friday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coming off back-to-back losses to commence their 2023 campaign, the Wilmington High field hockey squad knew it was time to

kick it into gear.

When the 'Cats took the field with Wakefield last Wednesday, they came away with a 1-0 victory that came down to the wire.

With just under three minutes remaining in the game, Sofia DiNatale broke the ice with the contest's first score.

Wakefield didn't back down.

In the final 30 seconds, the Warriors drew two corners, which were both denied by the Wilmington defense. Wakefield totaled nine corner opportunities throughout the game that the Wildcat defense neutralized.

Now that the first win is out of the way, WHS coach

Leanne Ebert hopes her team can use last year's playoff experience to propel them back to postseason field hockey.

"They got a taste of it, so if they can keep that with them that will be awesome," she said. "They have been so coachable right from the beginning. We went back to the basics a little bit and they have been conditioning and they came ready to go."

The 'Cats looked to build on that victory with a matchup with Tewksbury on Wednesday.

WHS then plays Watertown on Friday before hosting Reading on Saturday.

Anna Jancsics (right) and the Wildcat girls soccer team will be looking to get back on the winning track in matches this week.





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